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ABSTRACT

These 51 charts outline the general educational structure of each state and the District of Columbia. The charts identify elementary, secondary, and postsecondary state-level boards, chief state school officers, and local structures, as well as institutional boards. The relationships between these entities are also indicated. Where possible the size of board, the methods of selection, and terms of officers are shown. The boards are also identified as governing, coordinating, advisory, or supervisory. A basic chart form is used to insure some uniformity. (Author/KE)

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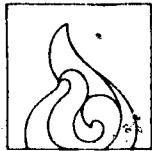
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# **EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURES OF THE 50 STATES**

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## — Preface —

This paper is part of a substantial amount of research work which was defined and solicited by the Governor's Commission on the Structure and Governance of Education in Maryland (the Rosenberg Commission) from many scholarly people working throughout the Maryland system of education.

The work on this paper was done jointly by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Commission's staff, with the cooperation of many people in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The contribution of Dr. Melvin Self, a consultant in the Special Projects Unit of the Maryland State Department of Education, to this document is acknowledged and appreciated. In addition, previous research by J. L. Zwingle in *State Boards Responsible for Higher Education 1970*, and Sam P. Harris in *State Departments of Education, State Boards of Education, and Chief State School Officers*, greatly aided in the compilation of information in this publication. (These two documents are available from the U. S. Government Printing Office; Public Documents Departments; Washington, D. C. 20402.)

This publication briefly outlines the educational structures in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The organizational chart form restricted the amount of information that could be used. Also, because changes in educational structure are constantly being made, some information may be obsolete.

The chart form was selected to allow simple comparisons to be made quickly between different state structures. The Rosenberg Commission felt compelled to study other states' educational structures. An efficient way of accomplishing this objective was to prepare the material presented in this publication. It is hoped that the content will prove helpful to other states engaged in studies similar to that now occurring in Maryland. However, the Commission does not at this time advocate one structural form over any other.

Harry L. Phillips  
Executive Director  
Governor's Commission on Structure  
and Governance of Education.

## **EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURES OF THE 50 STATES**

**In the following 51 charts (the District of Columbia was also included) an attempt was made to outline the general educational structure of each of the 50 states. The charts identify both elementary, secondary and post secondary state-level boards, chief state school officers, and local structures, as well as institutional boards. The relationships between these entities are also indicated. Where possible the size of board, the methods of selection, and terms of offices are shown. The boards are also identified as governing, coordinating, advisory, or supervisory.**

**In order to insure some uniformity, a basic chart form was adopted. It is realized that this form may have caused some structural outlines to become somewhat contrived. However, uniformity was felt to be a necessity to facilitate easy and quick comparisons.**

**Because of the limits of space, the internal organization of departments of education and staffing patterns of other boards are not indicated in this publication. There was also no analysis made of information collected.**

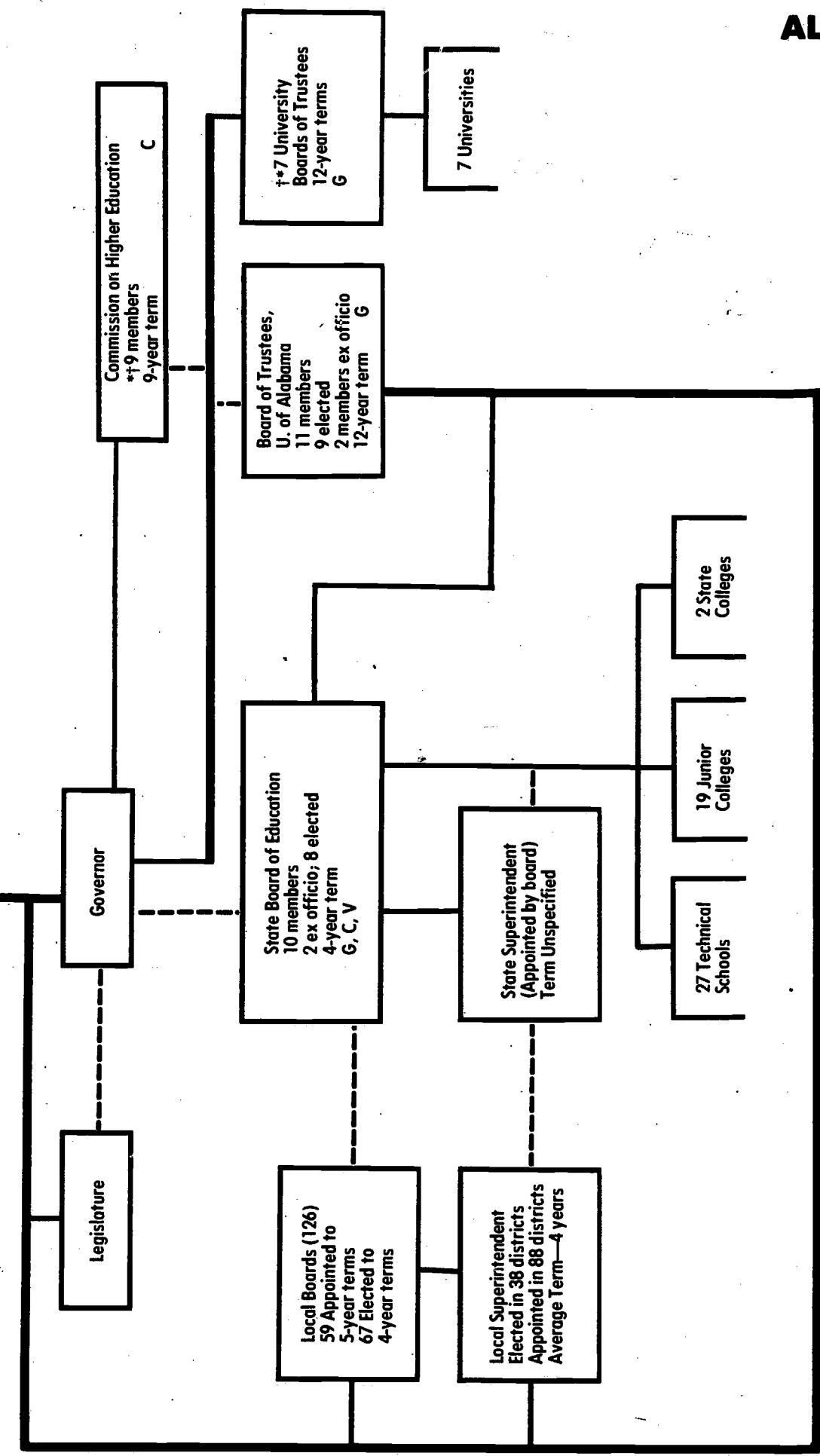
**While every attempt was made to insure accuracy, the rapidly changing status of some school structures requires periodic updating of some of the information. Also, while it is felt that this publication fills an important void of identifying the different structures, it is also believed a national organization should take on this project on an annual basis, expanding it to include internal organizational structure and analysis of content.**

# ALABAMA

## ALABAMA

### Elementary and Secondary Education

### Post Secondary Education



†Appointed by Governor

\*Approved by Senate

C—Coordinating board

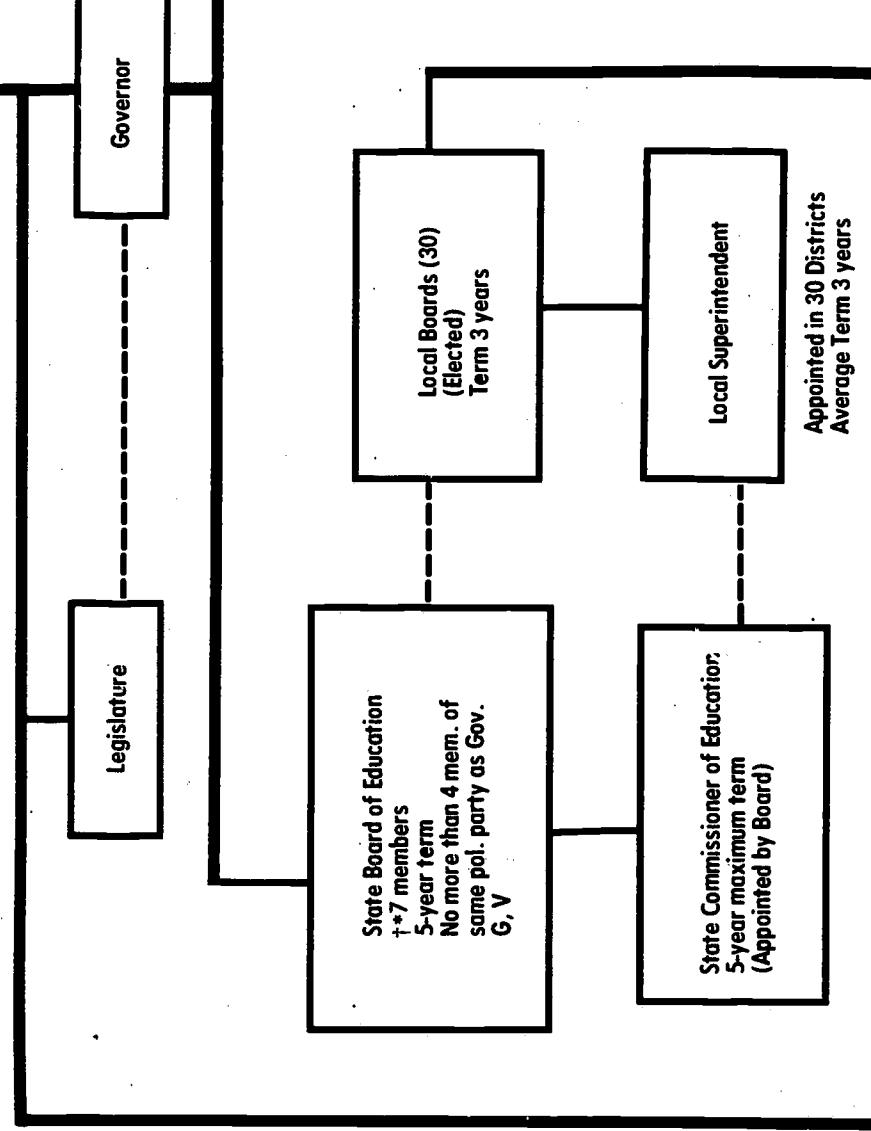
G—Governing board

V—Serves as State Bd. for Voc. Ed.

# ALASKA

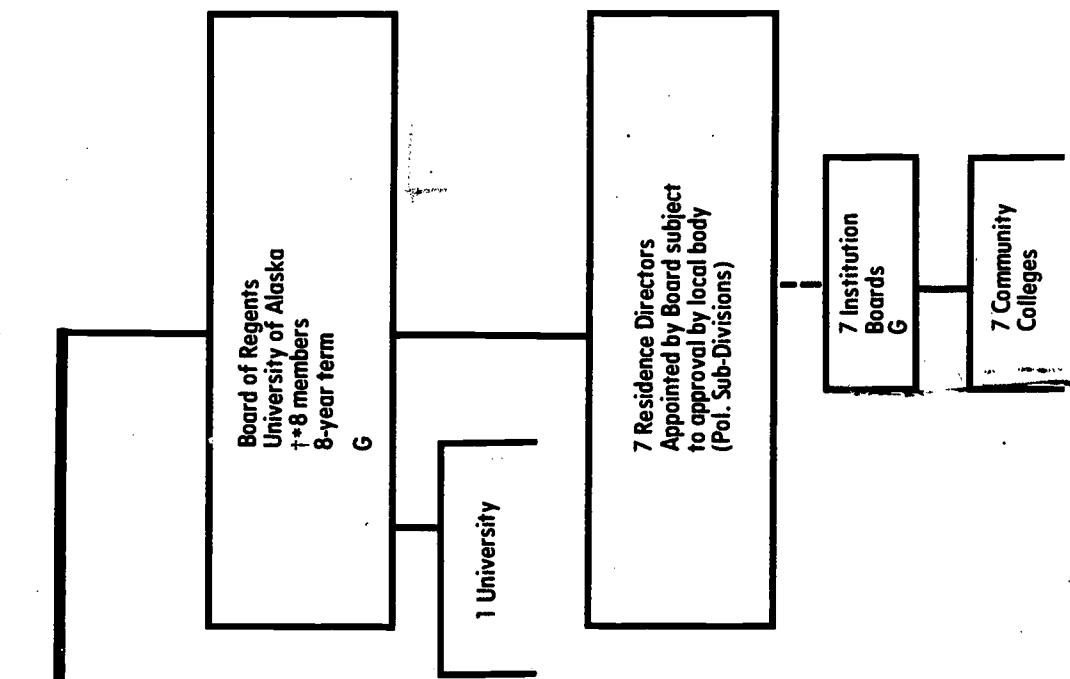
## Elementary and Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE



## Post Secondary Education

# ALASKA



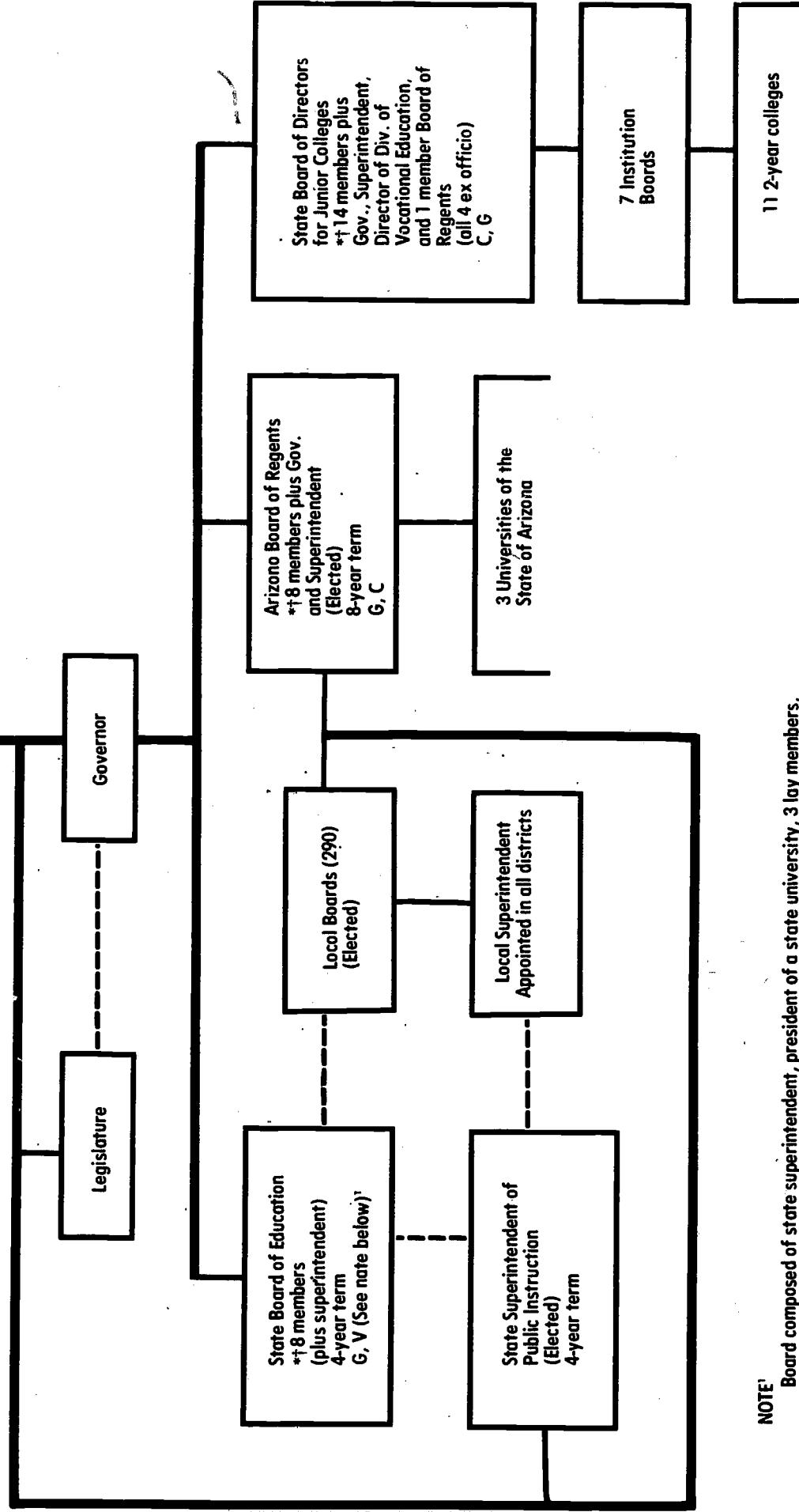
G—Governing Board  
 V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Ed.  
 † Appointed by Governor  
 \* Confirmed by Legislature

# ARIZONA

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education

## ELECTORATE



C—Coordinating Board

G—Governing Board

V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

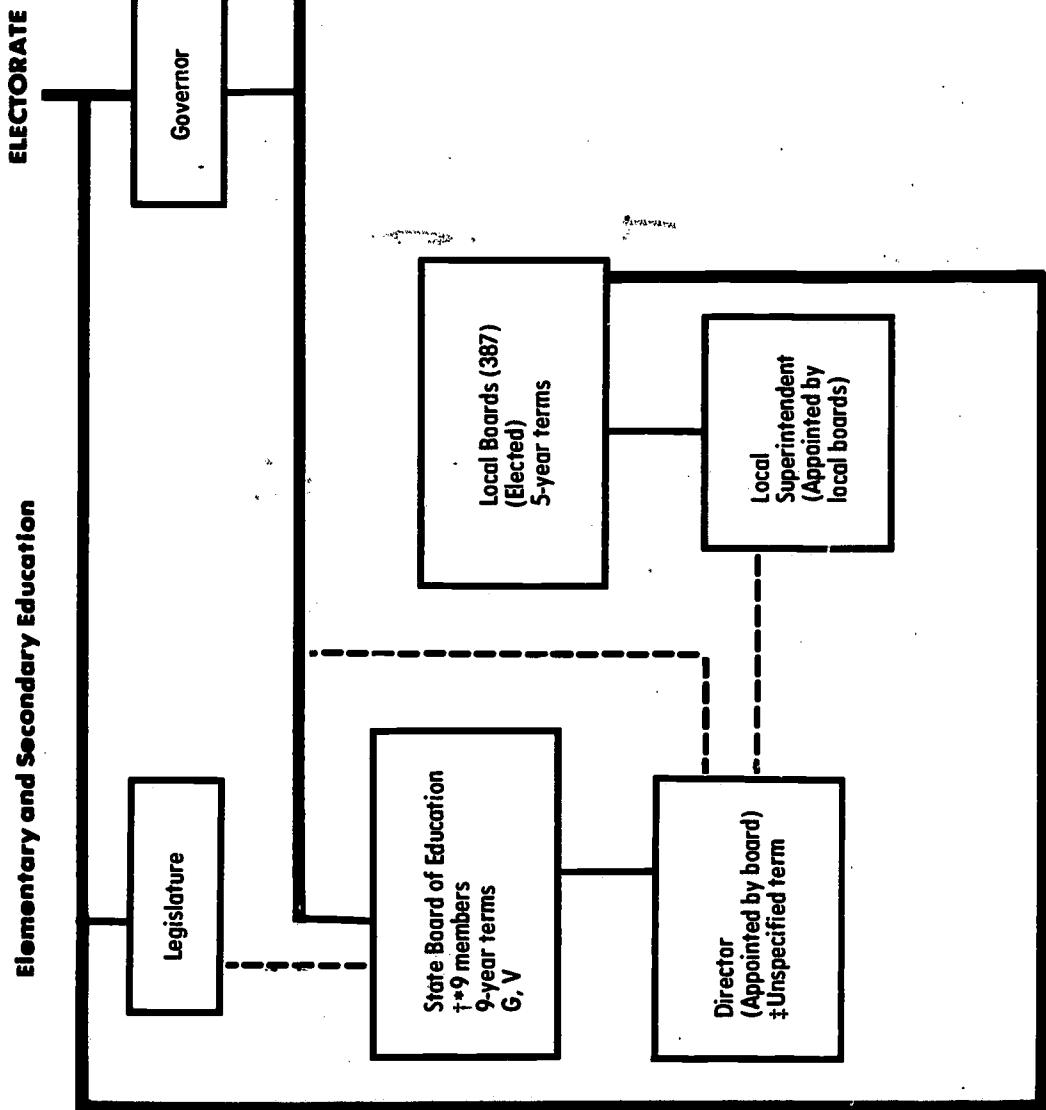
\* Senate confirms

† State Board Members Appointed by Governor

**ARIZONA**

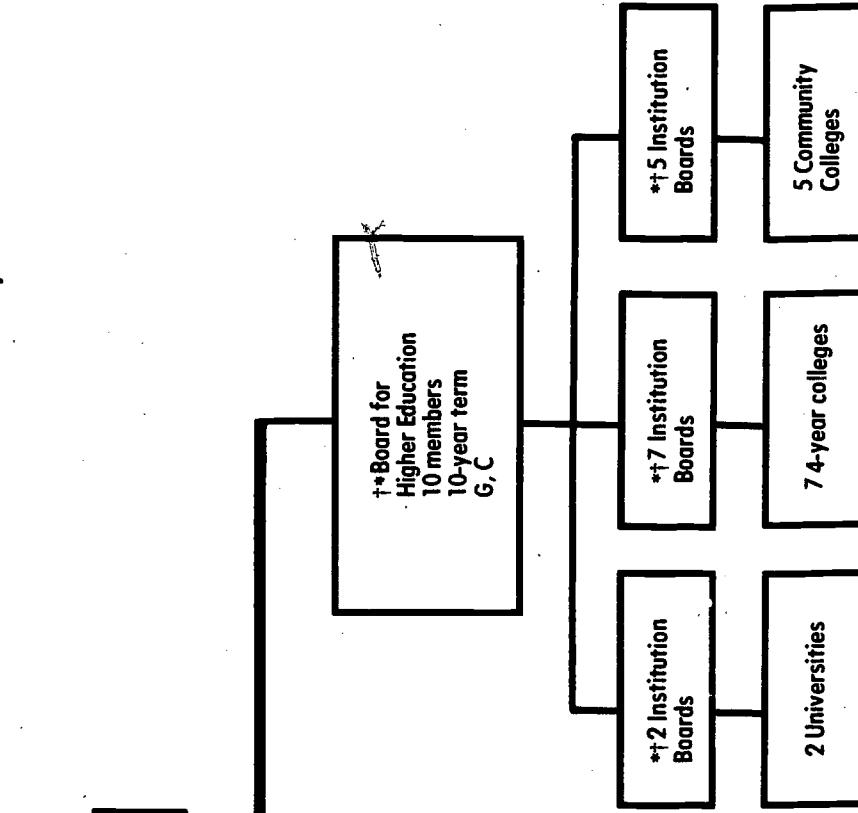
## ARKANSAS

### Elementary and Secondary Education



### ELECTORATE

### Post Secondary Education



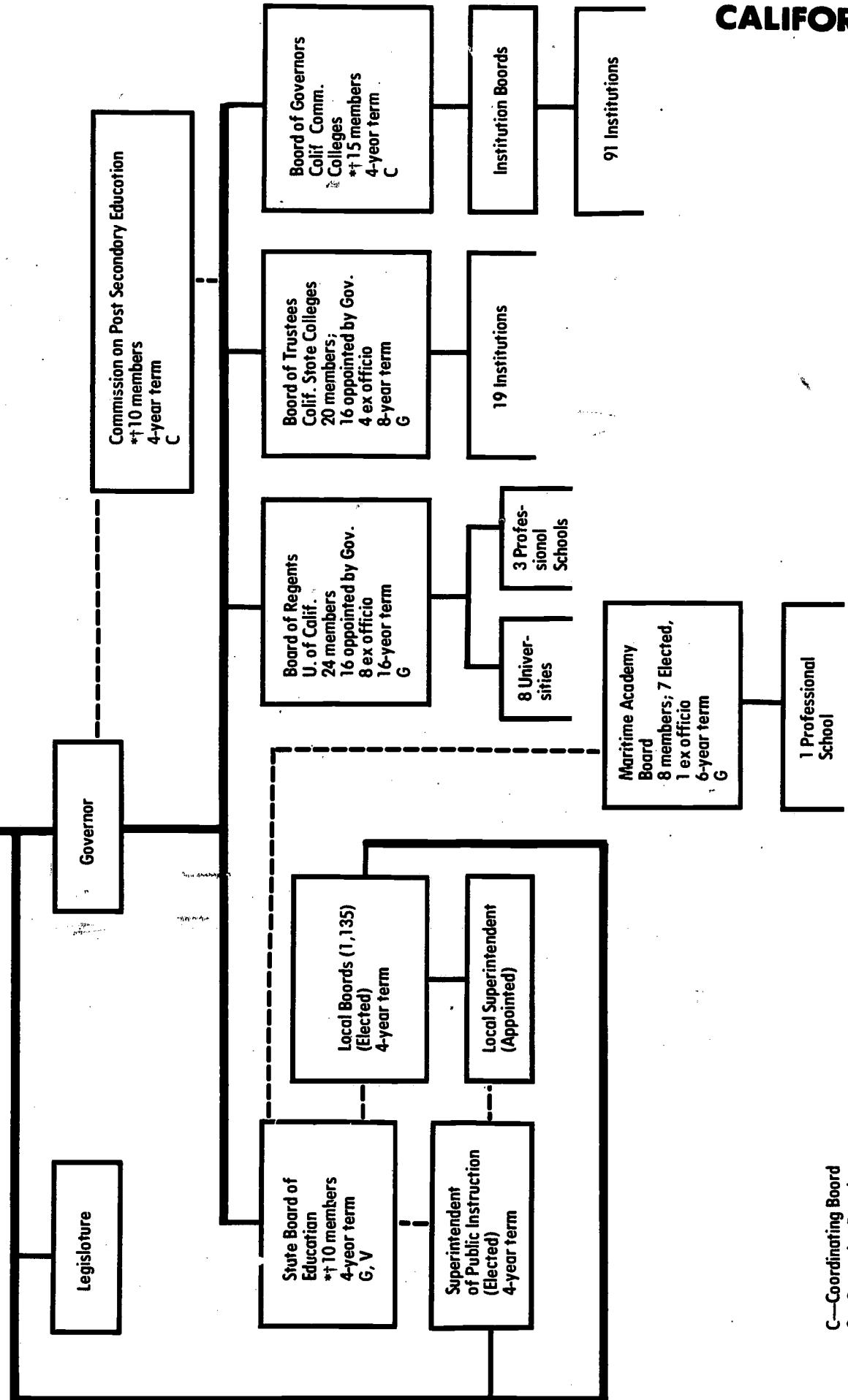
- ‡ Serves at pleasure of Governor
- \* Confirmed by Senate
- † Appointed by Governor
- V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
- G—Governing Board
- C—Coordinating Board

# CALIFORNIA

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## ELECTORATE

### Post Secondary Education



C—Coordinating Board  
 G—Governing Board  
 V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education  
 † Appointed by Governor  
 \* Confirmed by Senate

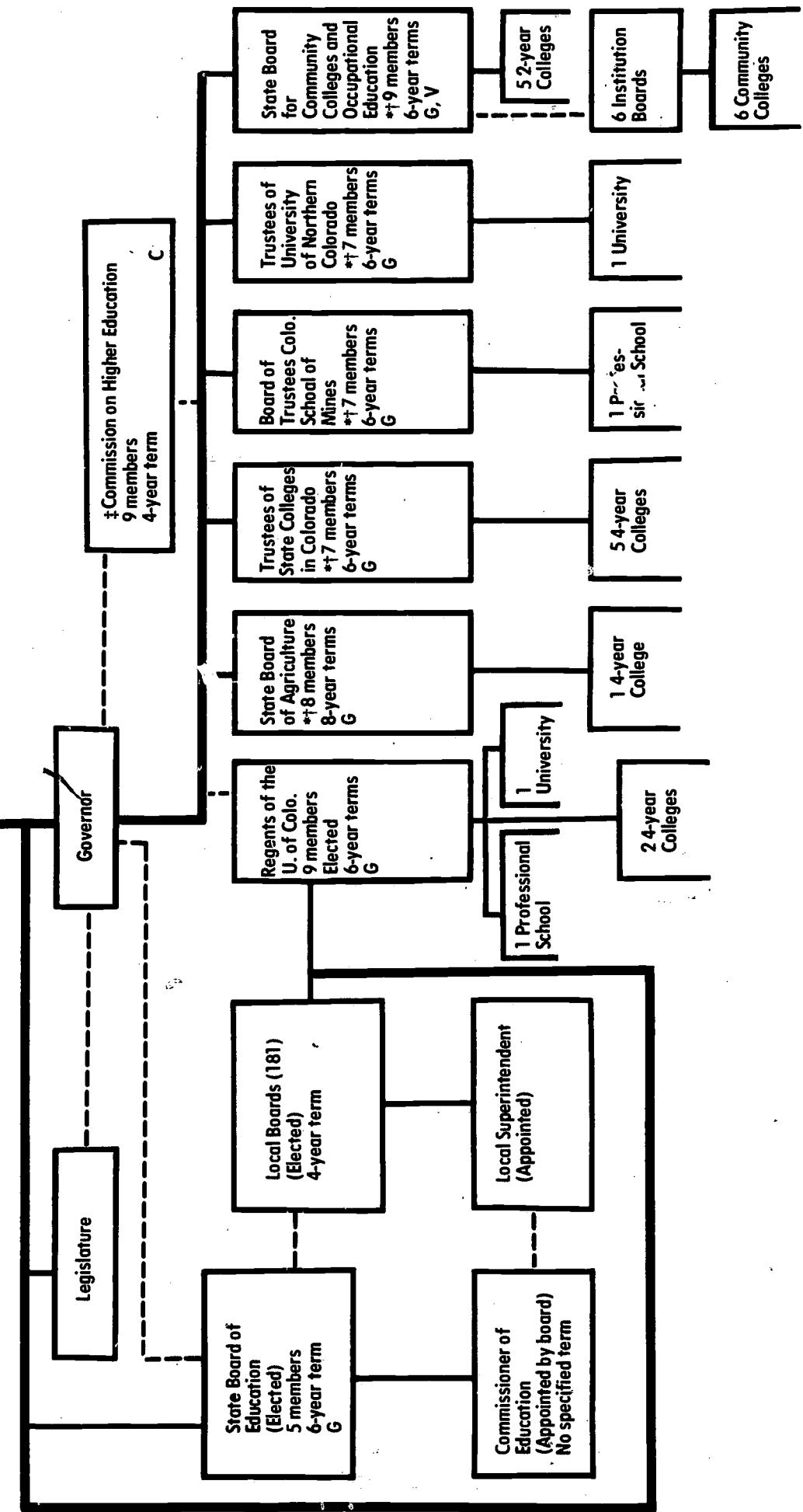
# CALIFORNIA

# COLORADO

## Colorado

Elementary and Secondary Education

Post Secondary Education



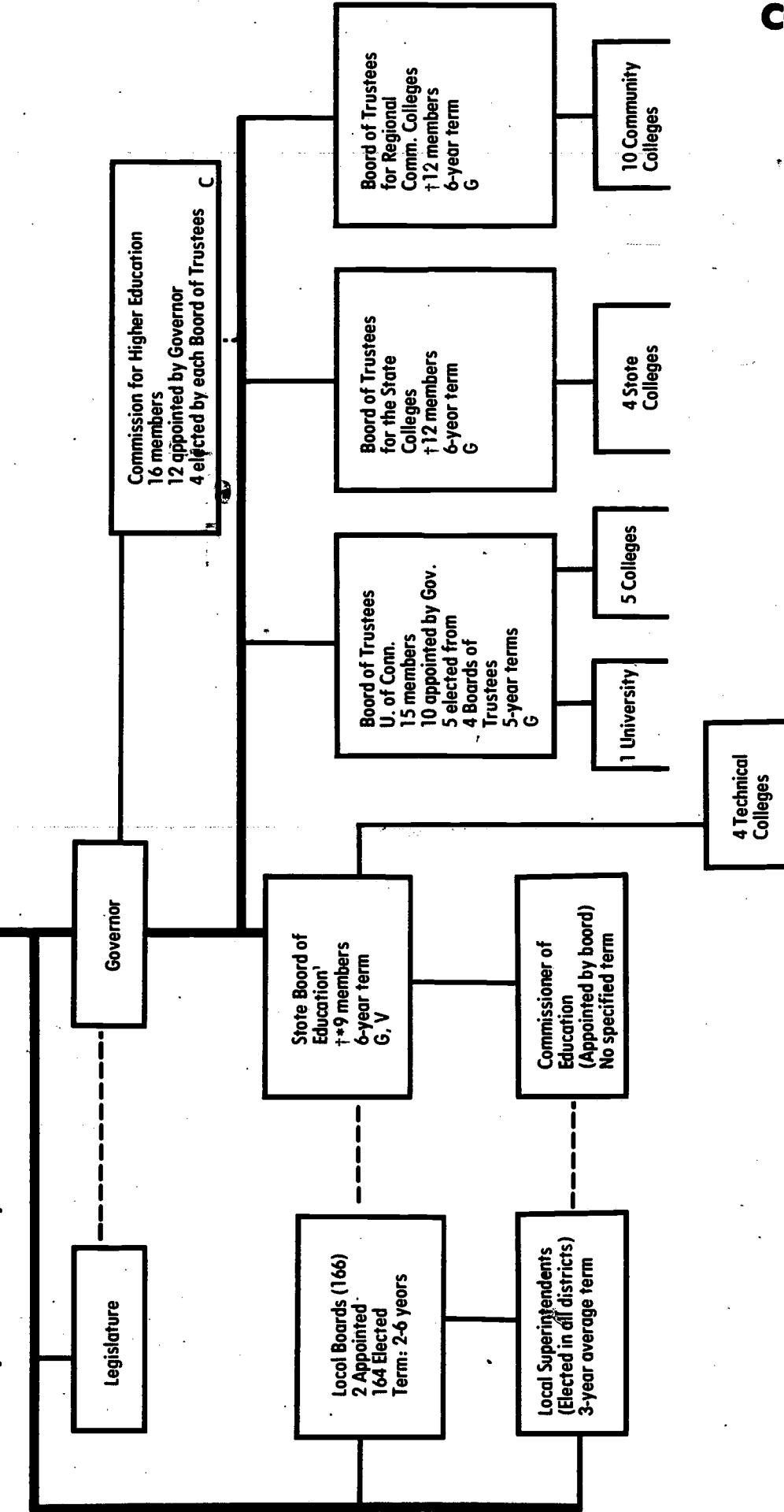
† Appointed by Governor  
\* Confirmed by Senate

G—Governing board

V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

# CONNECTICUT

## Post Secondary Education



† Appointed by Governor

† Serves as Board of Trustees of the State Technical Colleges

**G**—Governing board

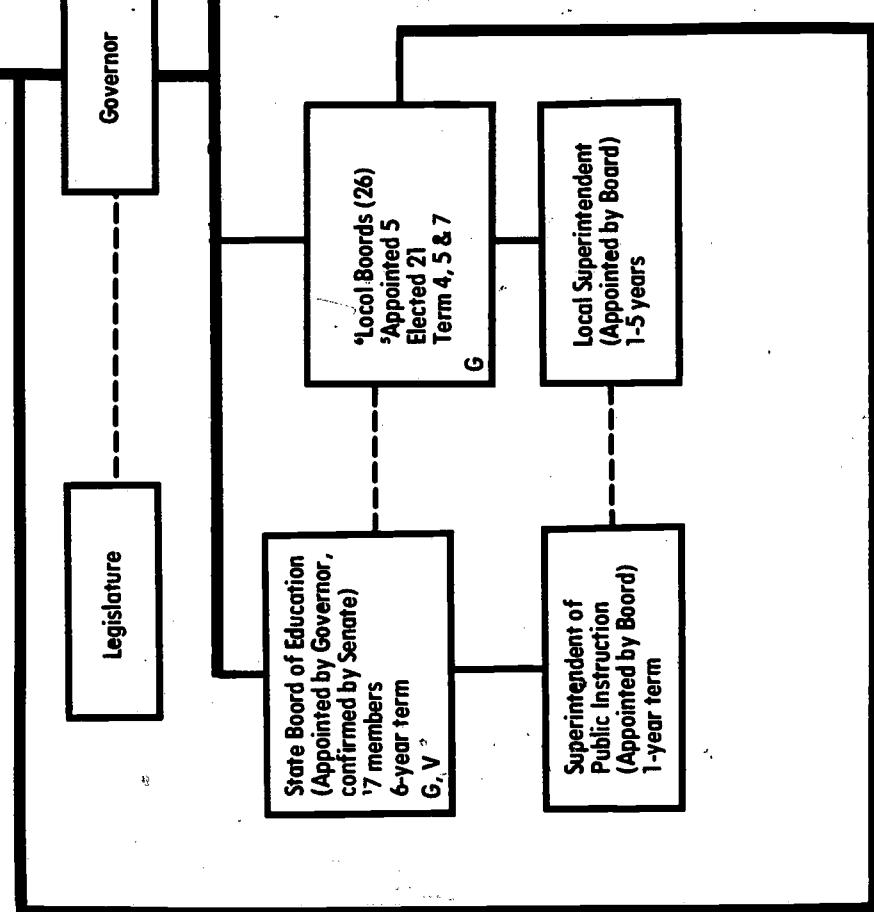
**C**—Coordinating board

**V**—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

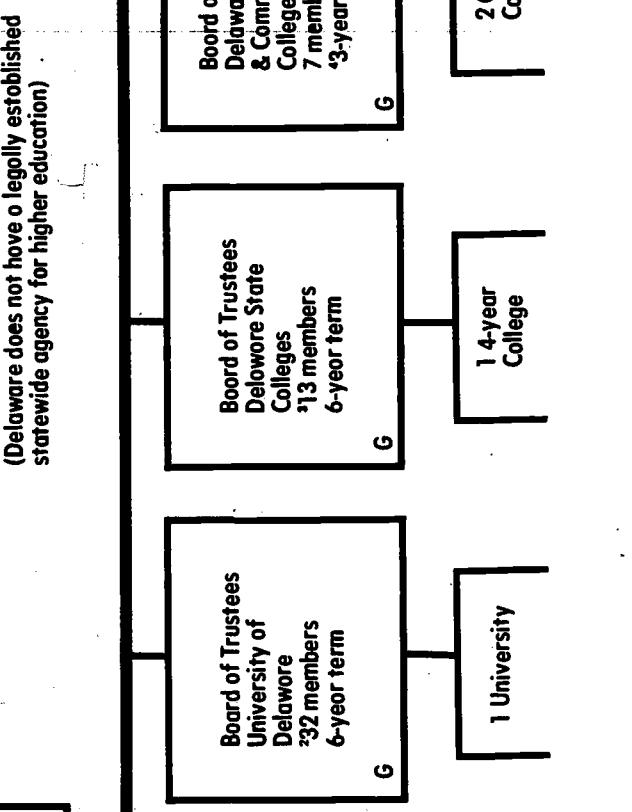
## DELAWARE

Elementary and Secondary Education

Post Secondary Education



Post Secondary Education



"President named by Governor to serve at his pleasure

220 elected by Bd. & confirmed by Senate; 8 appointed by Gov. & confirmed by Senate  
Gov., pres. of Univ., Master of State Orange, & pres. of State Bd., serve ex officio

'36 appointed by Gov.; 5 elected by Board; Governor & president of the  
Coll. Serv. ex officio.

**College Serve ex officio**  
**'66 appointed for 3 year terms; one serves at pleasure of Governor**  
**'66 appointed by Superior Court Judge in one district (5 year term):**

Appointed by Governor in one unit, (3 year terms)  
Appointed by Governor in 3 county vocational-technical districts (7 year terms)

**Includes 3 county vocational-technical districts**

## **G—Governing Board** **v—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education**

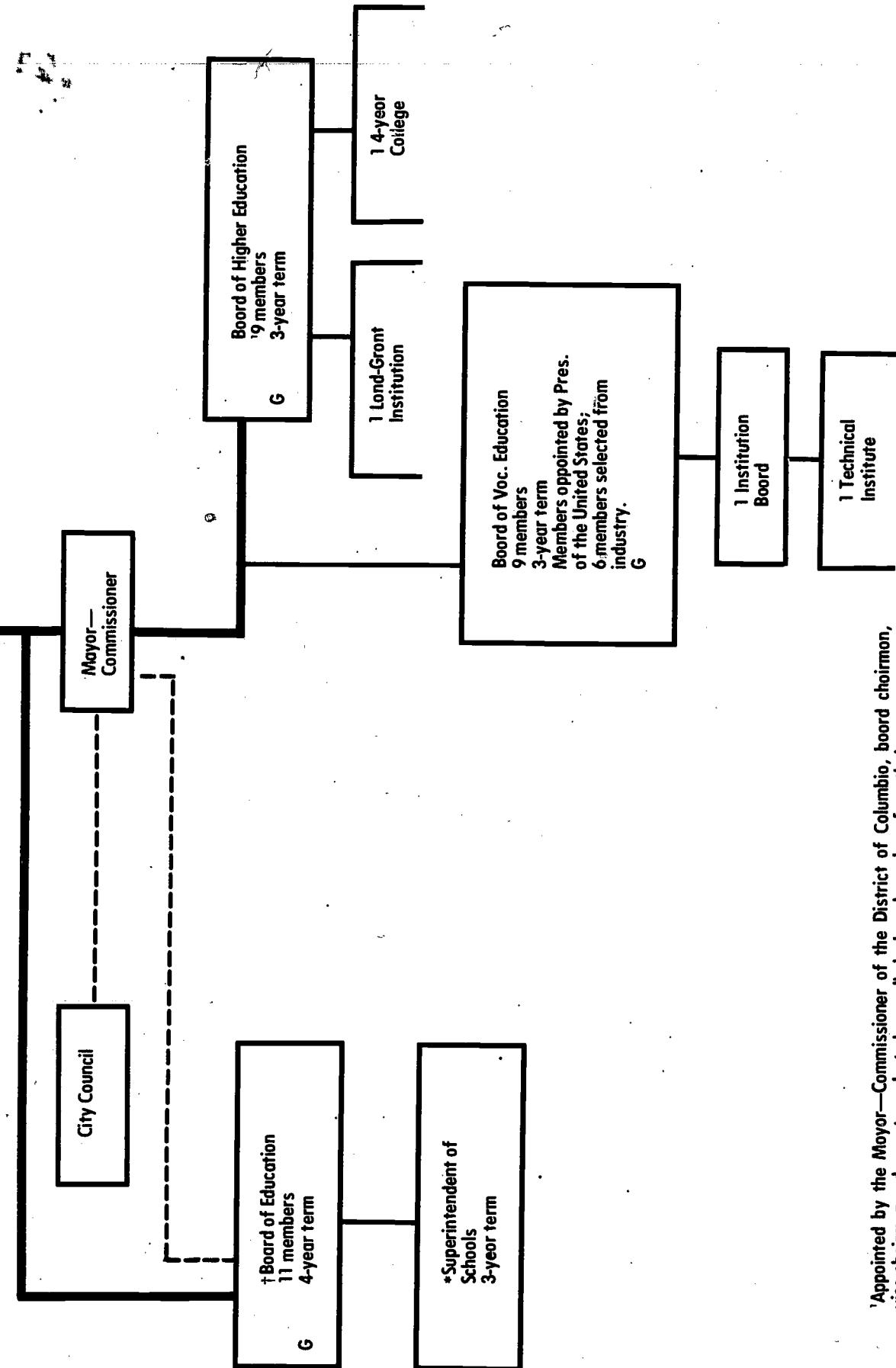
# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### Post Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE

### Elementary and Secondary Education



<sup>1</sup>Appointed by the Mayor—Commissioner of the District of Columbia, board chairman, vice-chairman and secretary elected annually by board members from their group.

† D. C. Board Members Elected

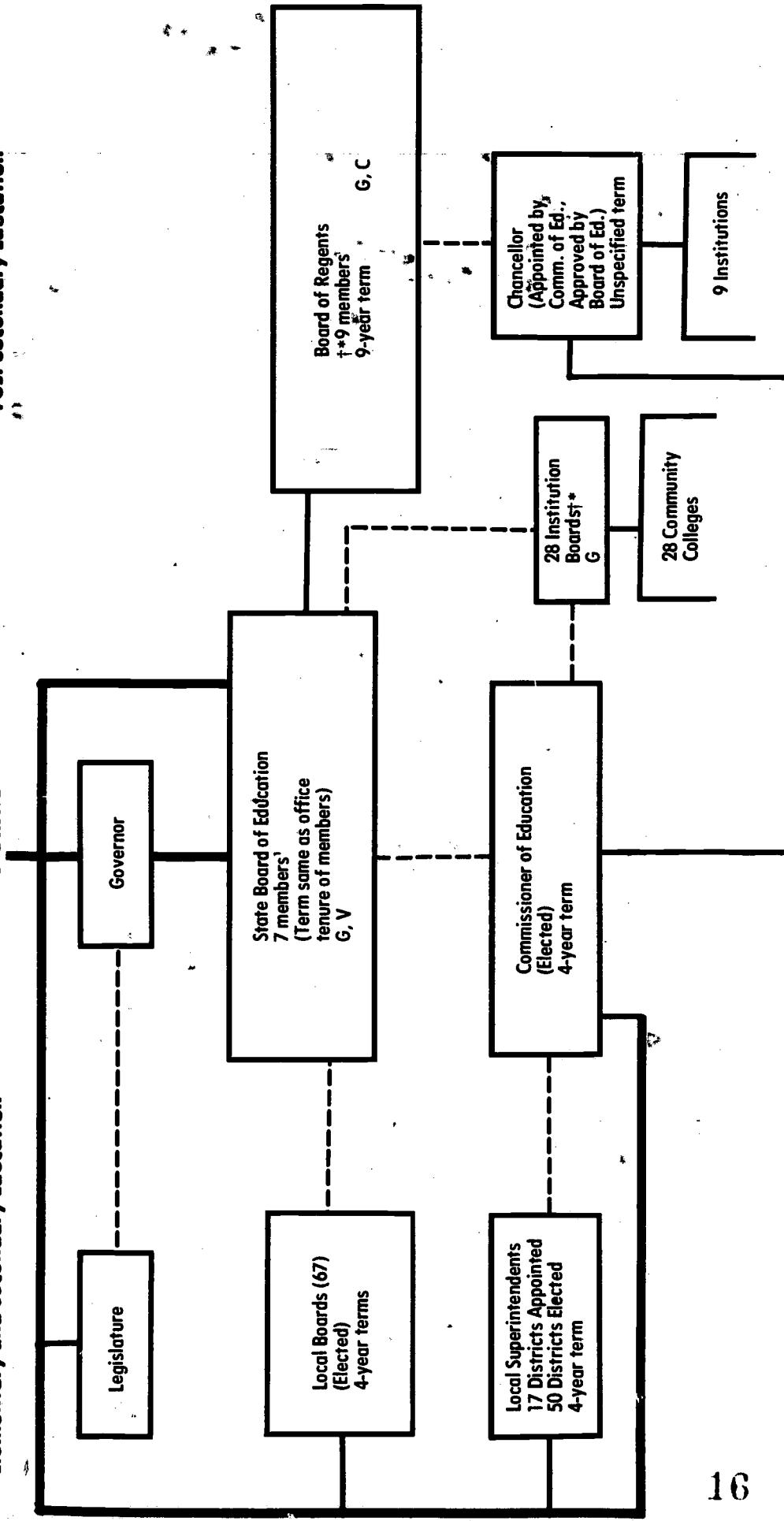
\* D. C. Superintendent Appointed by Board

G—Governing Board

# FLORIDA

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education



\* Confirmed by Senate  
† Appointed by Governor  
G—Governing board  
C—Coordinating board  
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

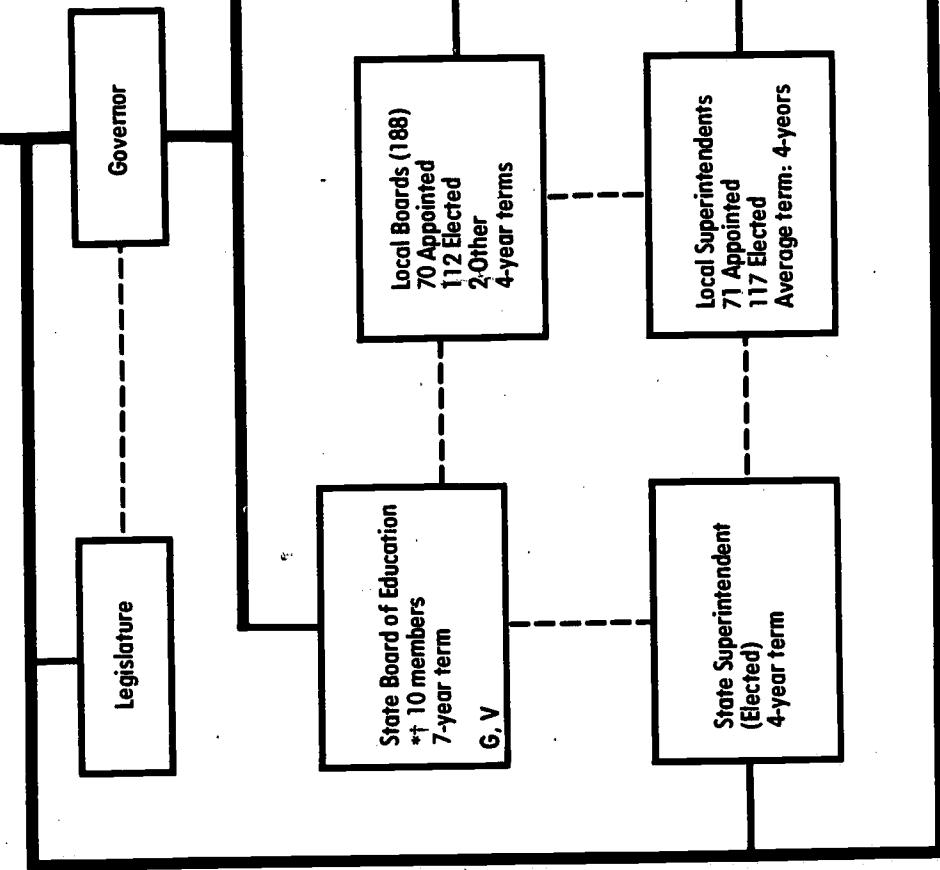
**FLORIDA**

**Board comprised of Governor, Sec. of State, Atty. General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture & Commissioner of Education**

# GEORGIA

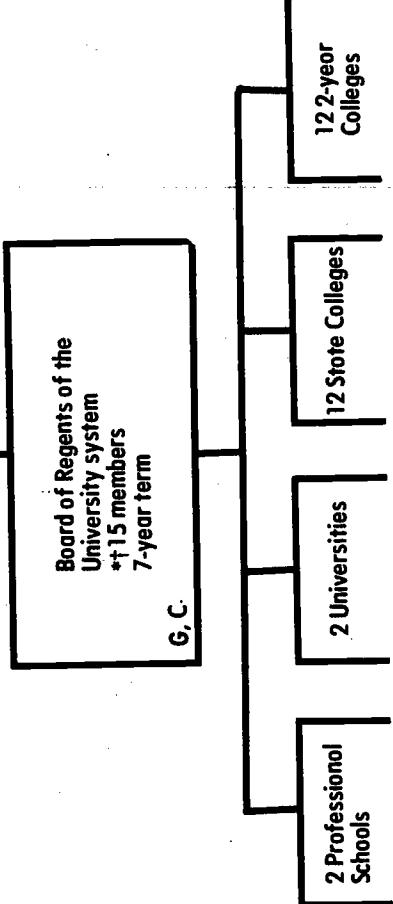
## Elementary and Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE



## Post Secondary Education

# GEORGIA



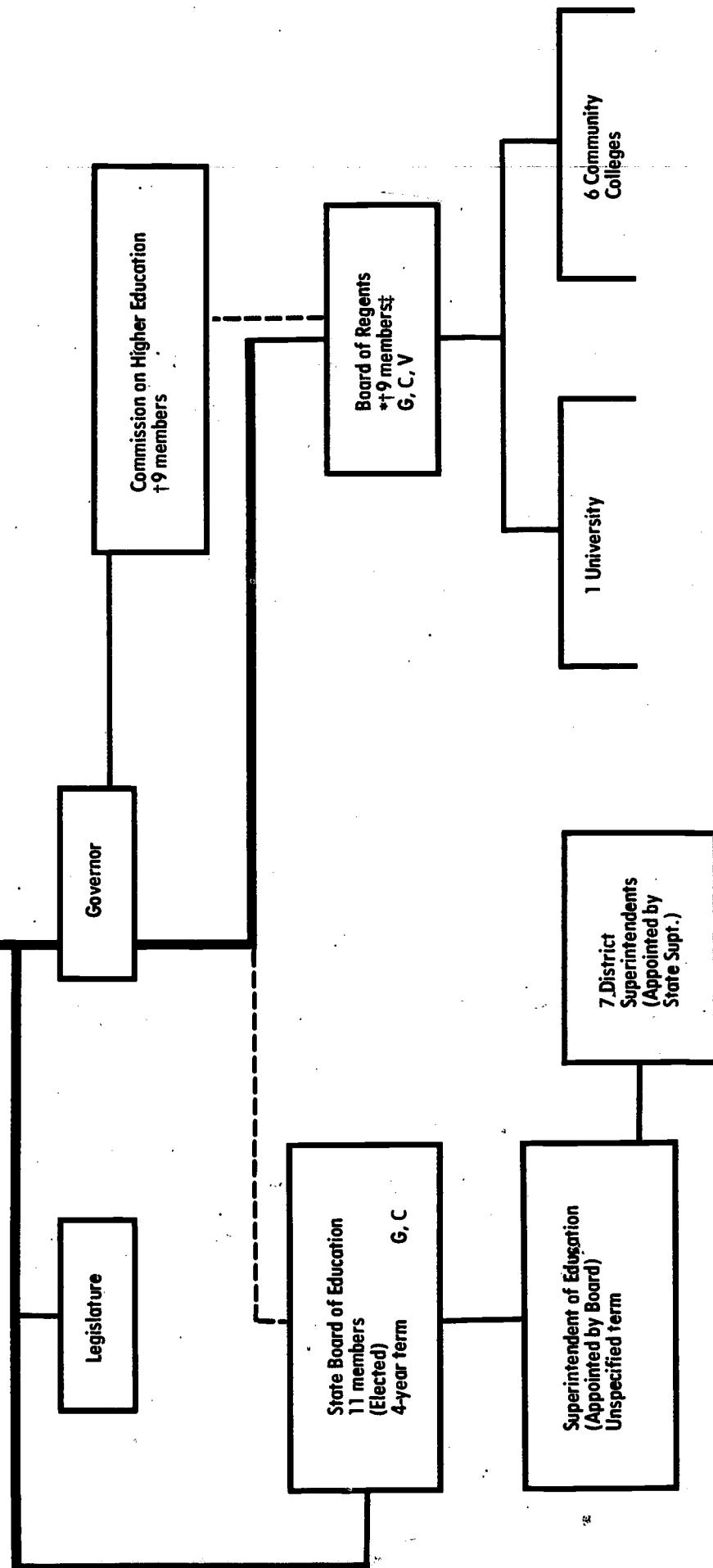
† Appointed by Governor  
 \* Confirmed by Senate  
 G—Governing board  
 C—Coordinating board  
 V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

**HAWAII**

**Post Secondary Education**

**ELECTORATE**

**Elementary and Secondary Education**



† Appointed by Governor

\* Confirmed by Senate

G—Governing board

C—Coordinating board

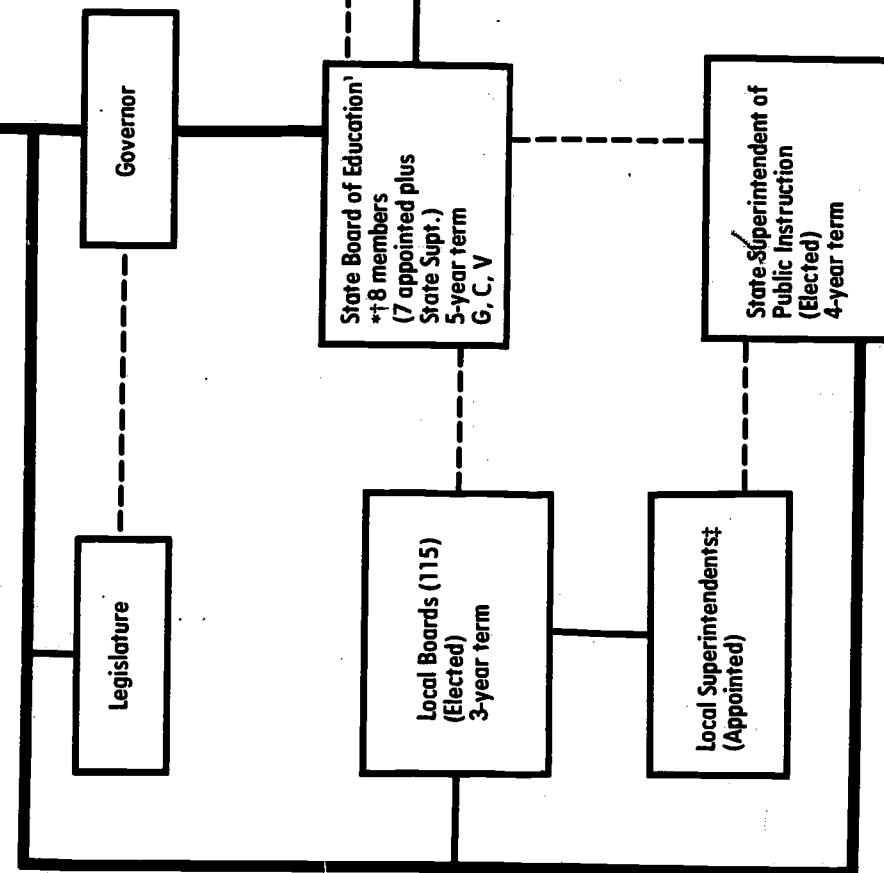
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

‡ The main university campus & community colleges operate as part of the University

## IDAHO

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## ELECTORATE



† Appointed by Governor

\* Confirmed by Senate

G—Governing board

C—Coordinating board

V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

1 Acts as Board of Regents of the University of Idaho

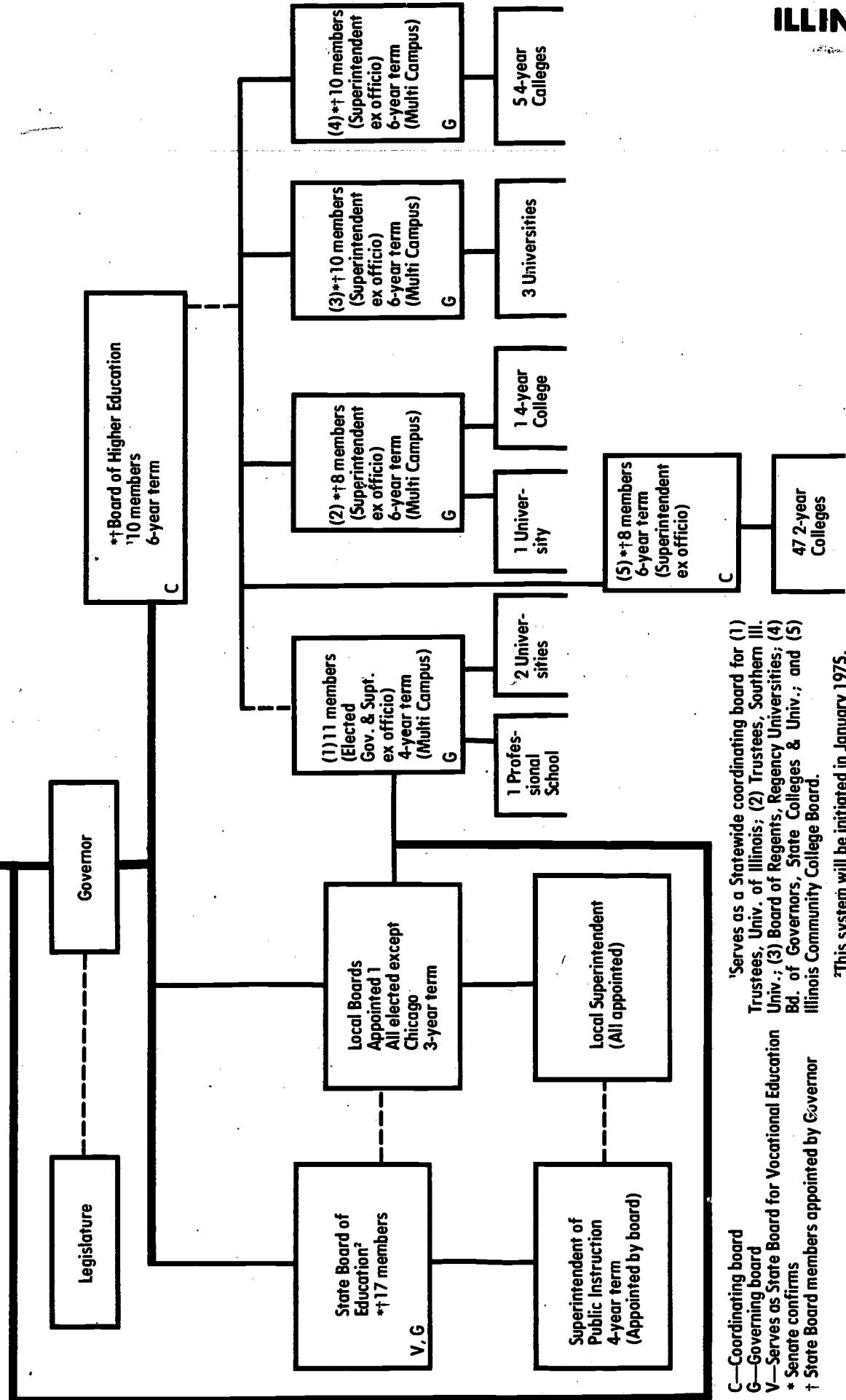
† 9 Districts serve elementary schools only, and do not have superintendents

# ILLINOIS

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education

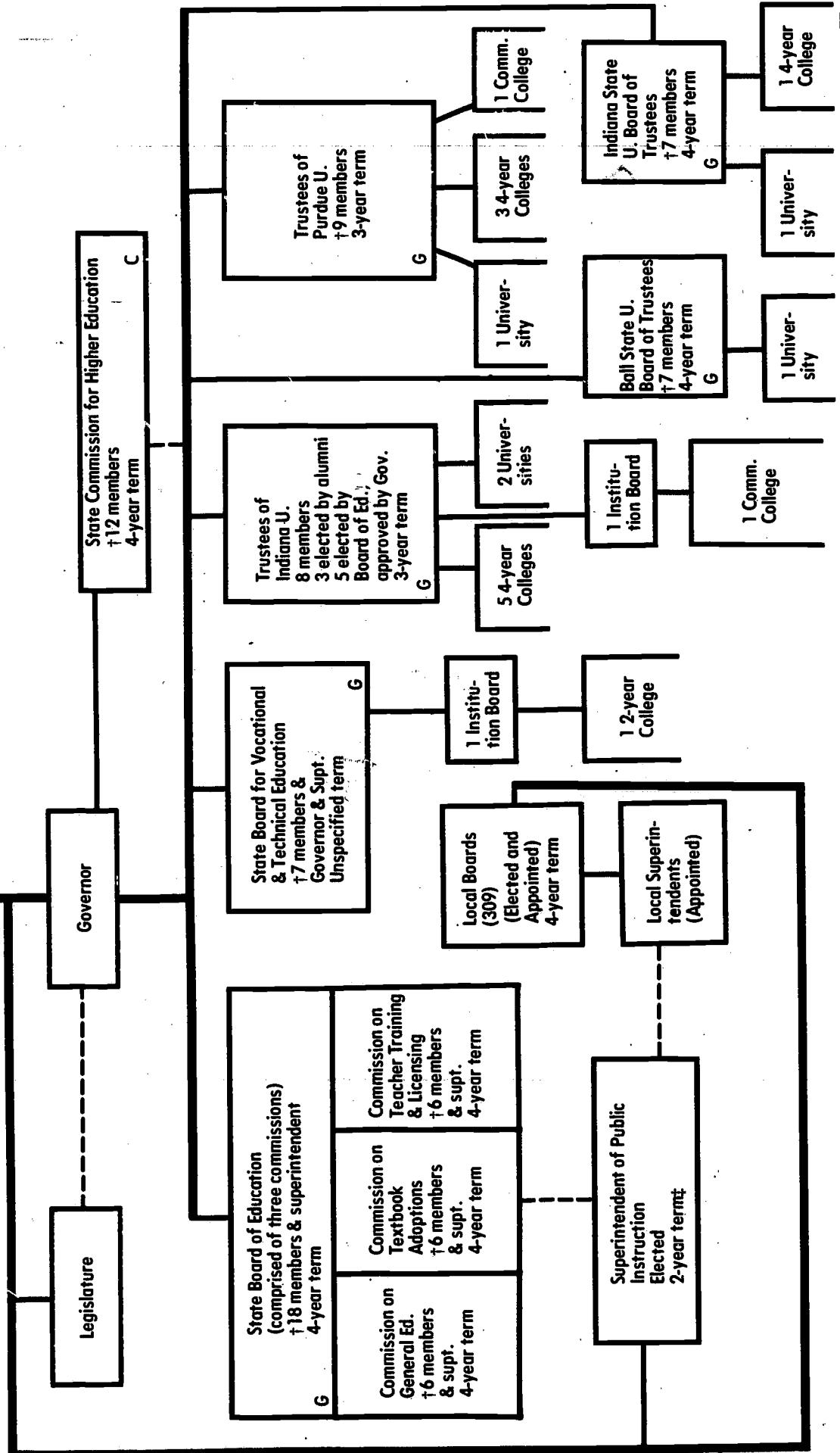
## ELECTORATE



## INDIANA

Elementary and Secondary Education ELECT

Post Secondary Education



To be appointed by Governor after 1975

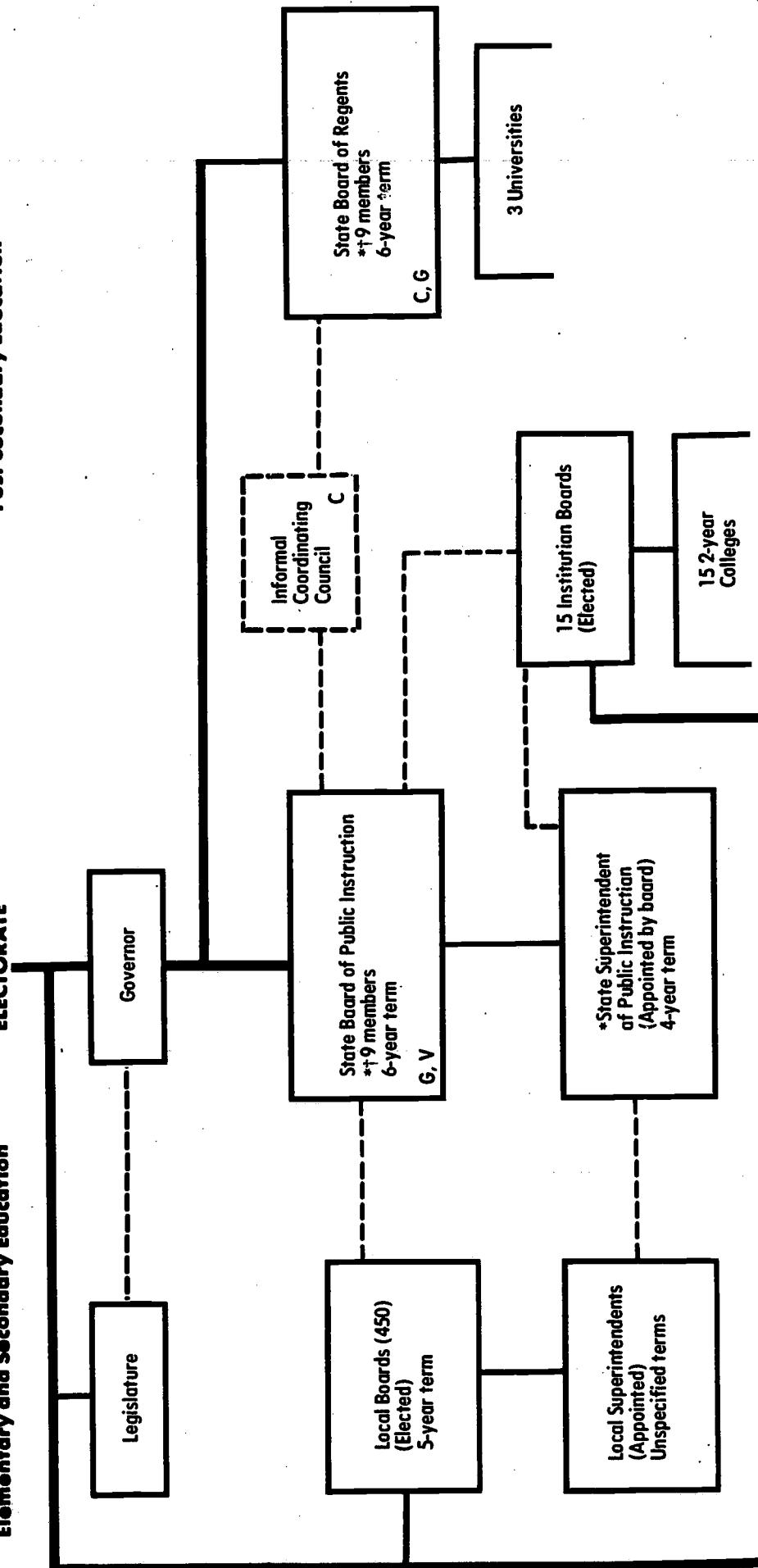
Appointed by Governor  
Confirmed by Senate

\* Confirmed by Senate

G-Governing Board

### C—Coordinating board

## Post Secondary Education

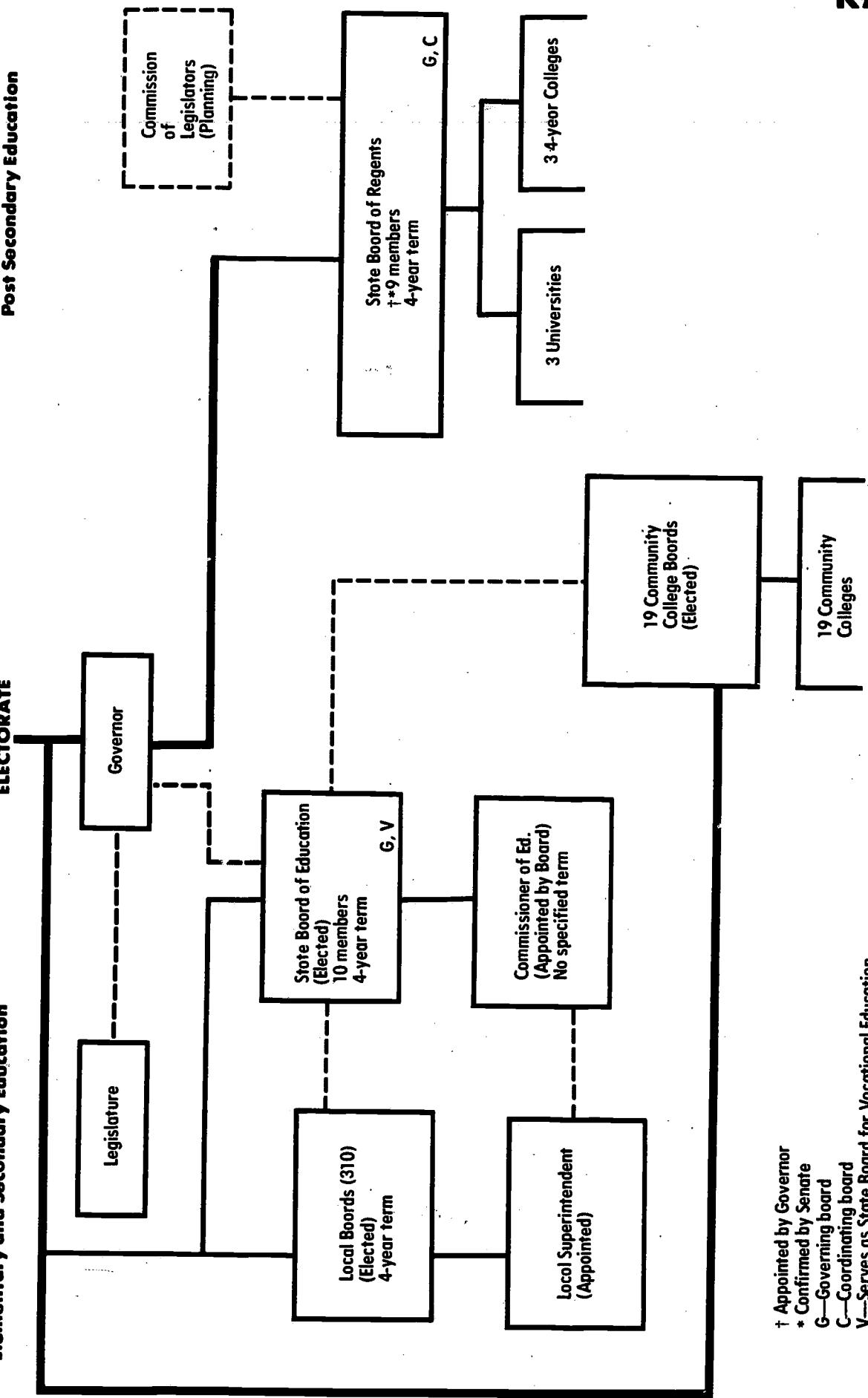


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G—Governing board  
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V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

## KANSAS

Elementary and Secondary Education

Post Secondary Education



### Appointed by Governor

### \* Confirmed by Senate

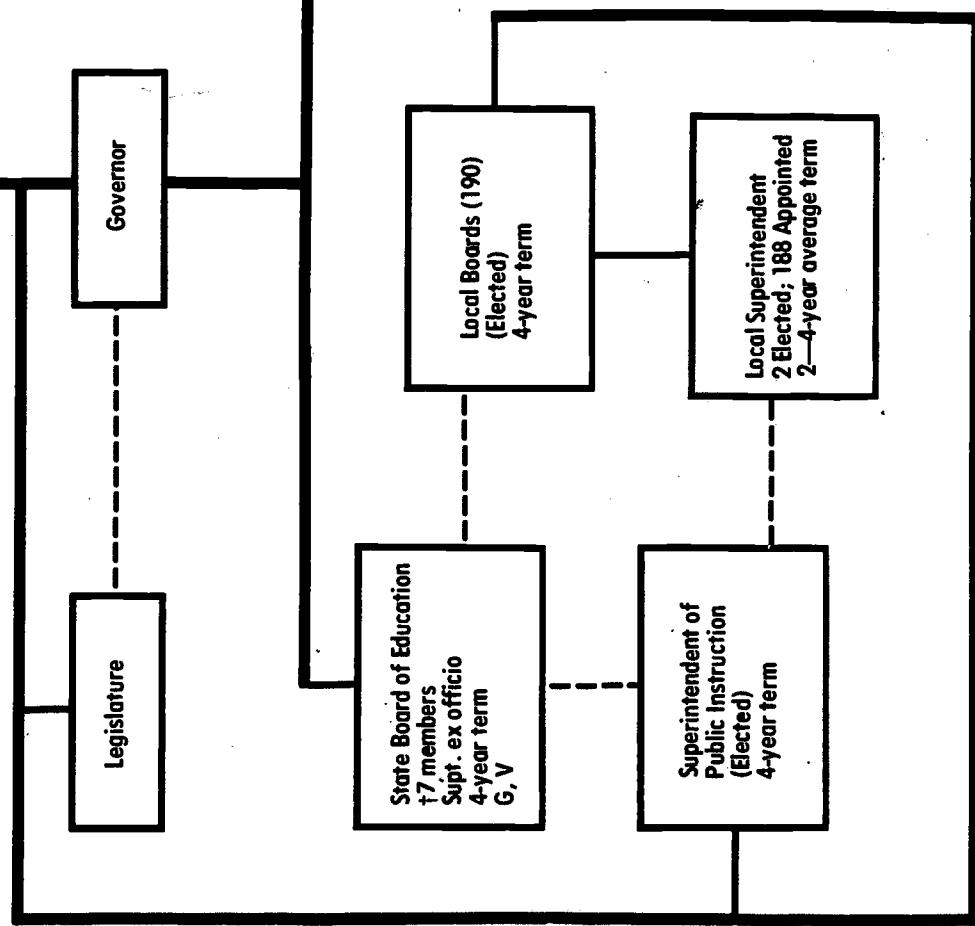
G—Governing board

C—Coordinating board

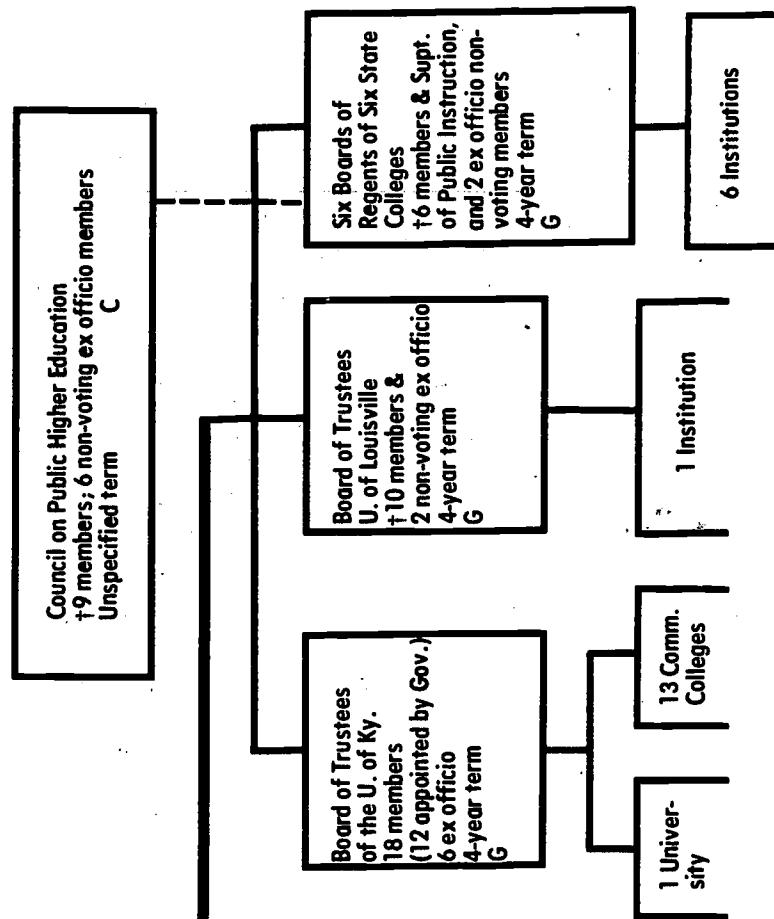
# KENTUCKY

## Elementary and Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE



## Post Secondary Education



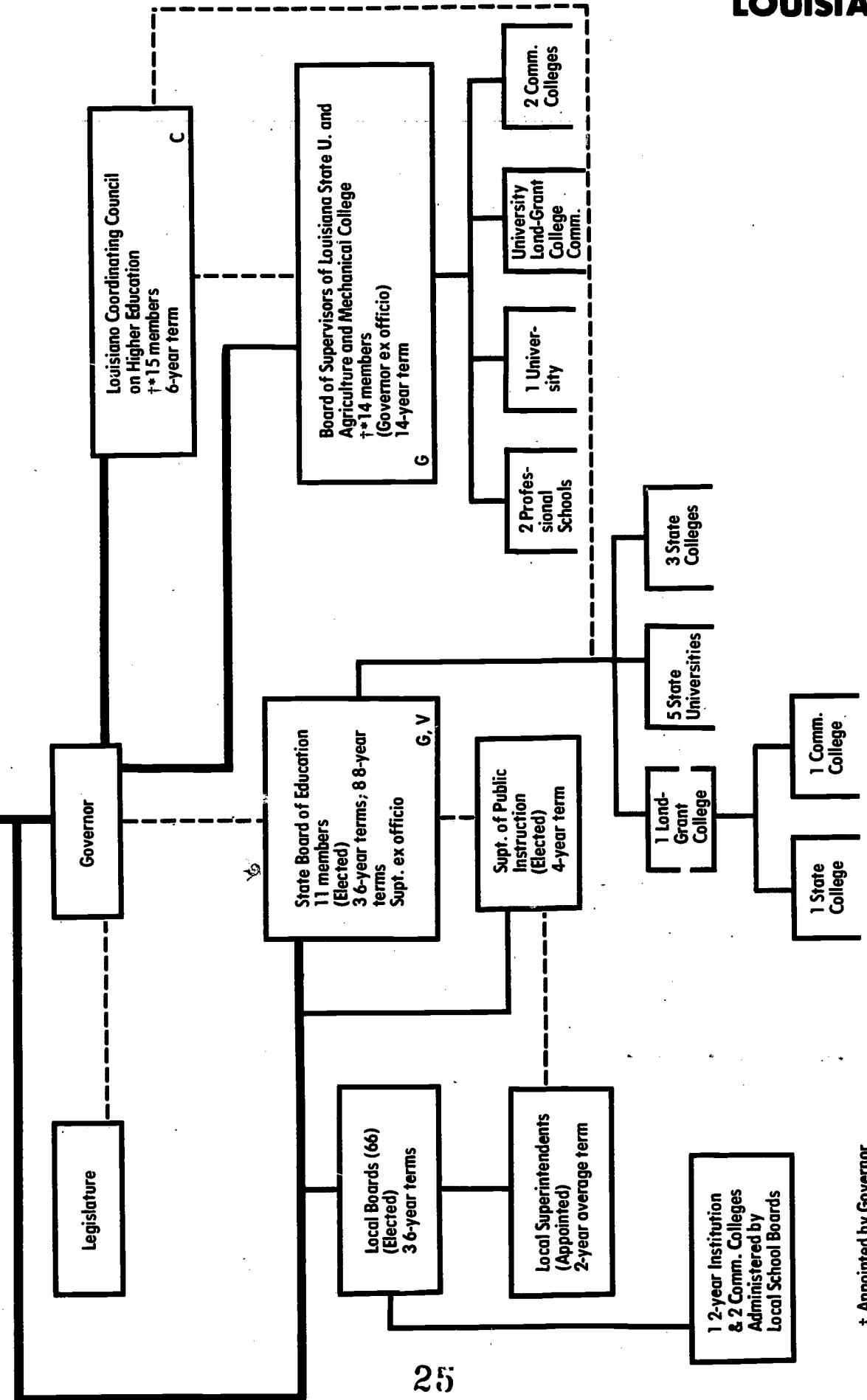
**KENTUCKY**

† Appointed by Governor  
G—Governing board  
C—Coordinating board  
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

## LOUISIANA

Post Secondary Education

Elementary and Secondary Education



Appointed by Governor

# Confirmed by Senate

G—Governing board  
C—Coordinating board

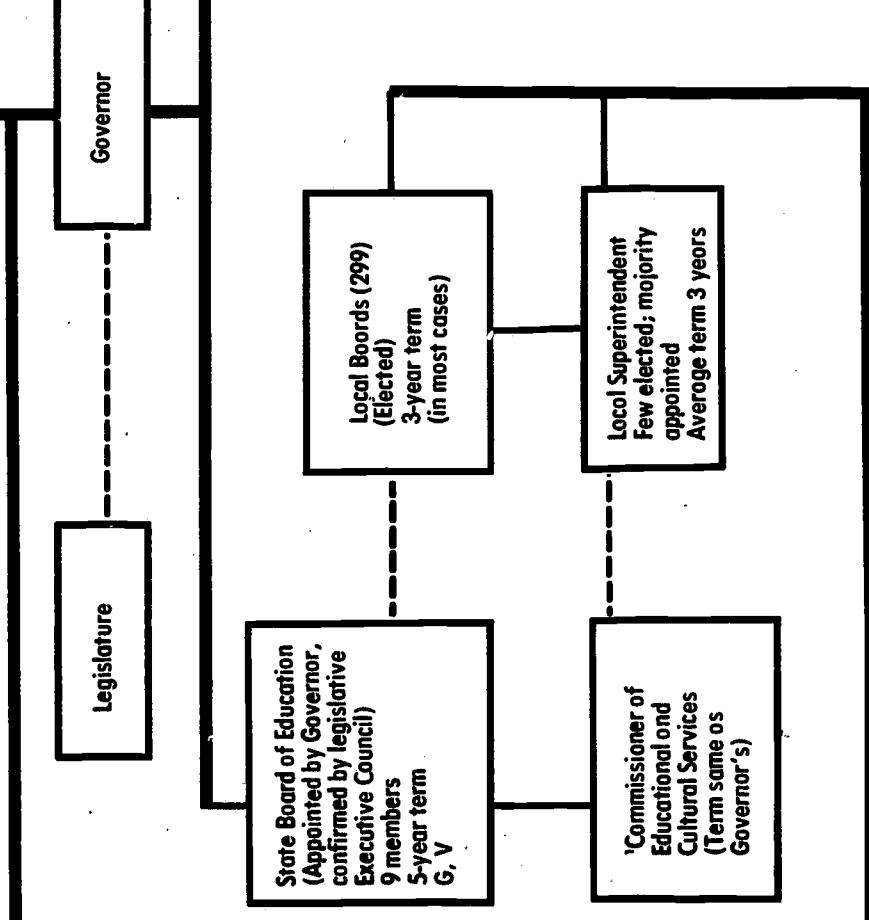
**C—Coordinating Board**—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

## MAINE

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education

## ELECTORATE



<sup>1</sup>Appointed by Governor from list of 3 names provided by State Board and approved by Executive Council. (Council is elected by the Legislature.)

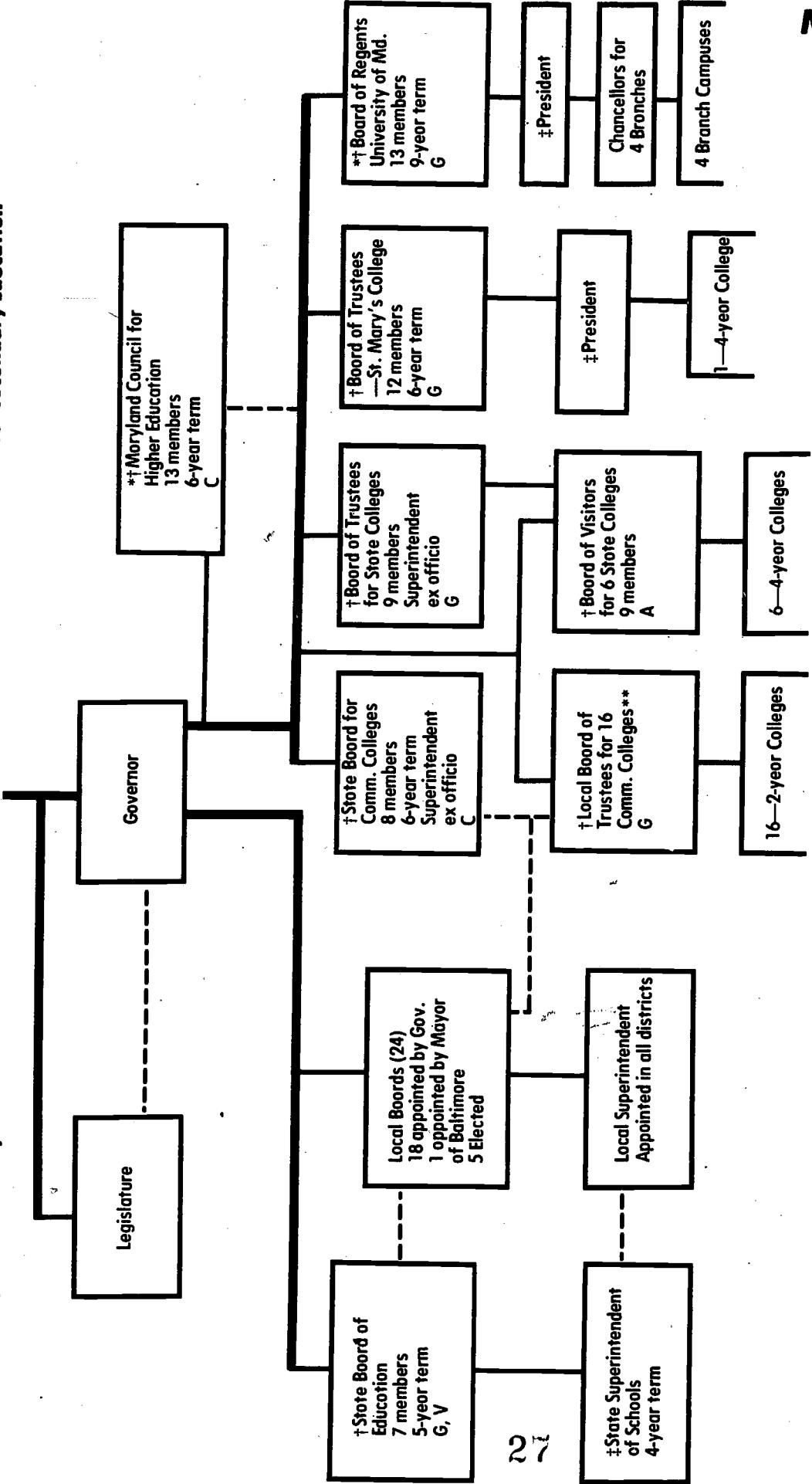
G—Governing board

V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

# MARYLAND

## Elementary and Secondary Education

### Post Secondary Education



\* Senate Confirms

† State Board Members Appointed by Governor

‡ Appointed by Board

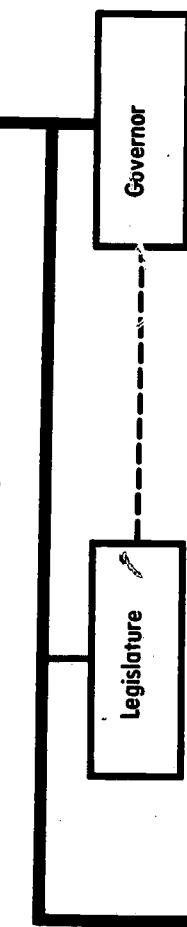
\*\* One Community College Board is also County Board of Education; Community College of Baltimore trustees are appointed by the mayor.

# MARYLAND

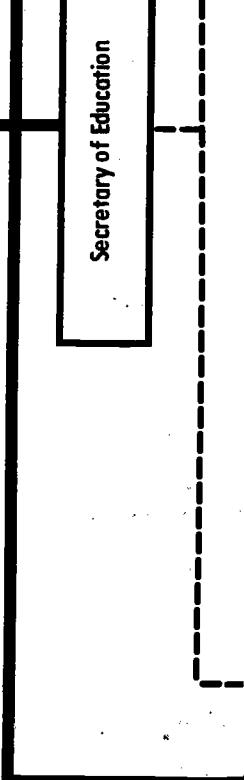
# MASSACHUSETTS

## Elementary and Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE



### Secretary of Education



**State Board of Education**  
 † 11 members  
 3 ex officio  
 5-year terms  
 G, V

**Local Boards (Elected)**  
 Terms variable

**Commissioner of Education (Appointed by board)**  
 Term not specified

**Local Superintendents (Appointed)**

**State Board of Higher Education**  
 11 members  
 † 7 members  
 4 members ex officio  
 5-year terms C

**Mass. Bd. of Regional Comm. Colleges**  
 15 members  
 (11 appointed by Gov., 4 ex officio)  
 6-year term G

**Board of Trustees of State Colleges**  
 11 members  
 5-year term

**Ten 4-year Colleges**

**Board of Trustees S.E. Mass. University**  
 15 members  
 3-year term G

**1 University**

**Board of Trustees Lowell Tech. Institution**  
 17 members  
 3-year term G

**1 Professional School**

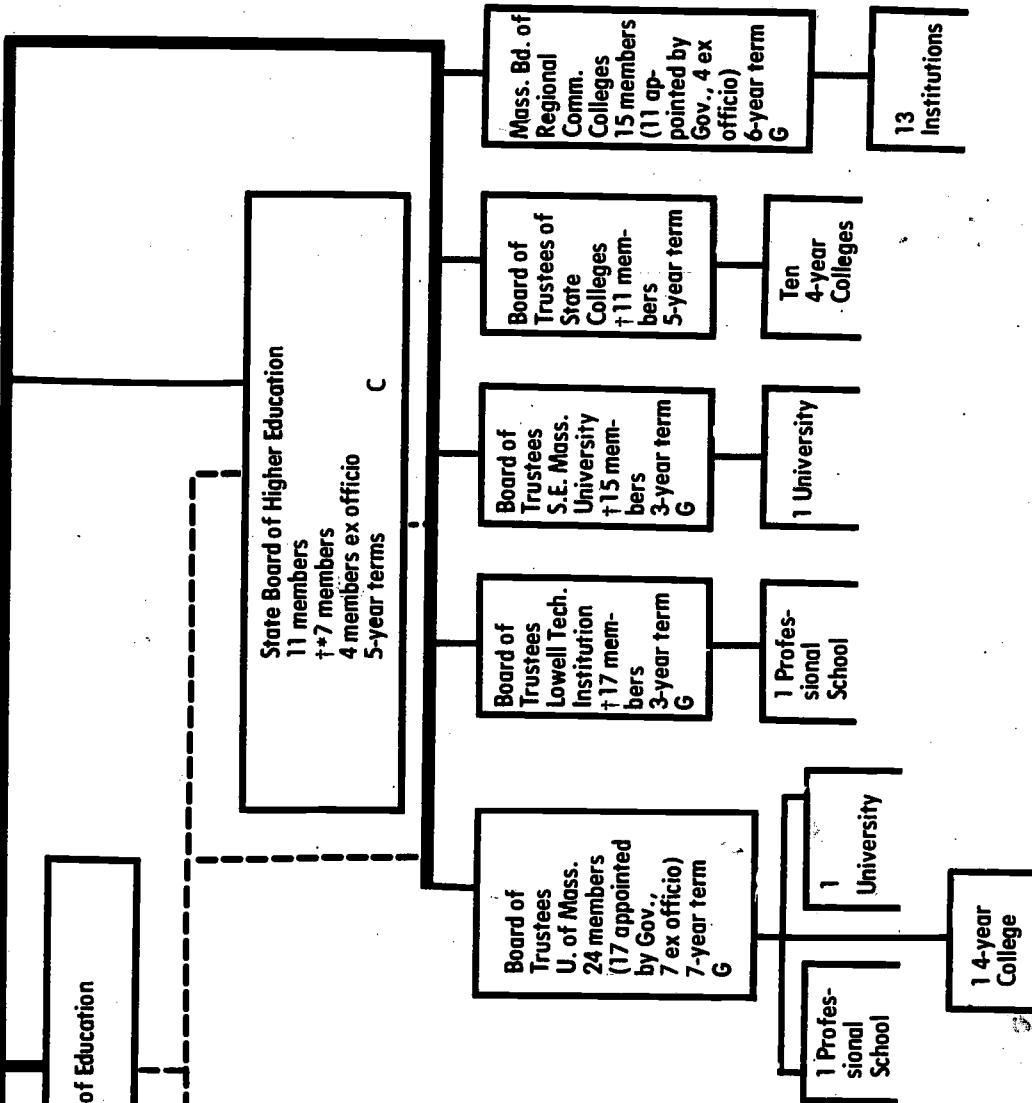
**Board of Trustees U. of Mass.**  
 24 members  
 (17 appointed by Gov., 7 ex officio)  
 7-year term G

**1 University**

**1 4-year College**

## Post Secondary Education

# MASSACHUSETTS



† Appointed by Governor

\* Confirmed by Senate

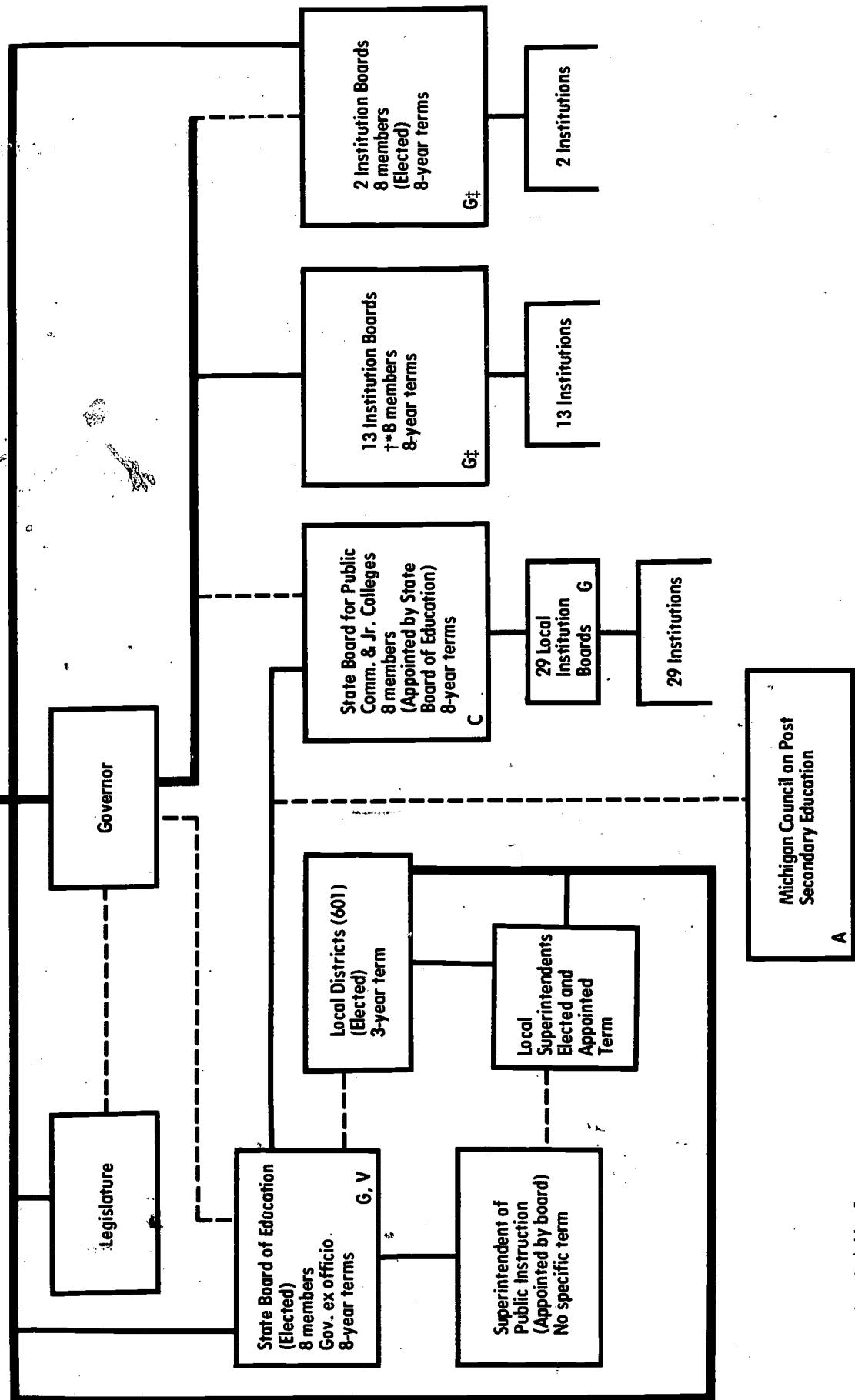
G—Governing board

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V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

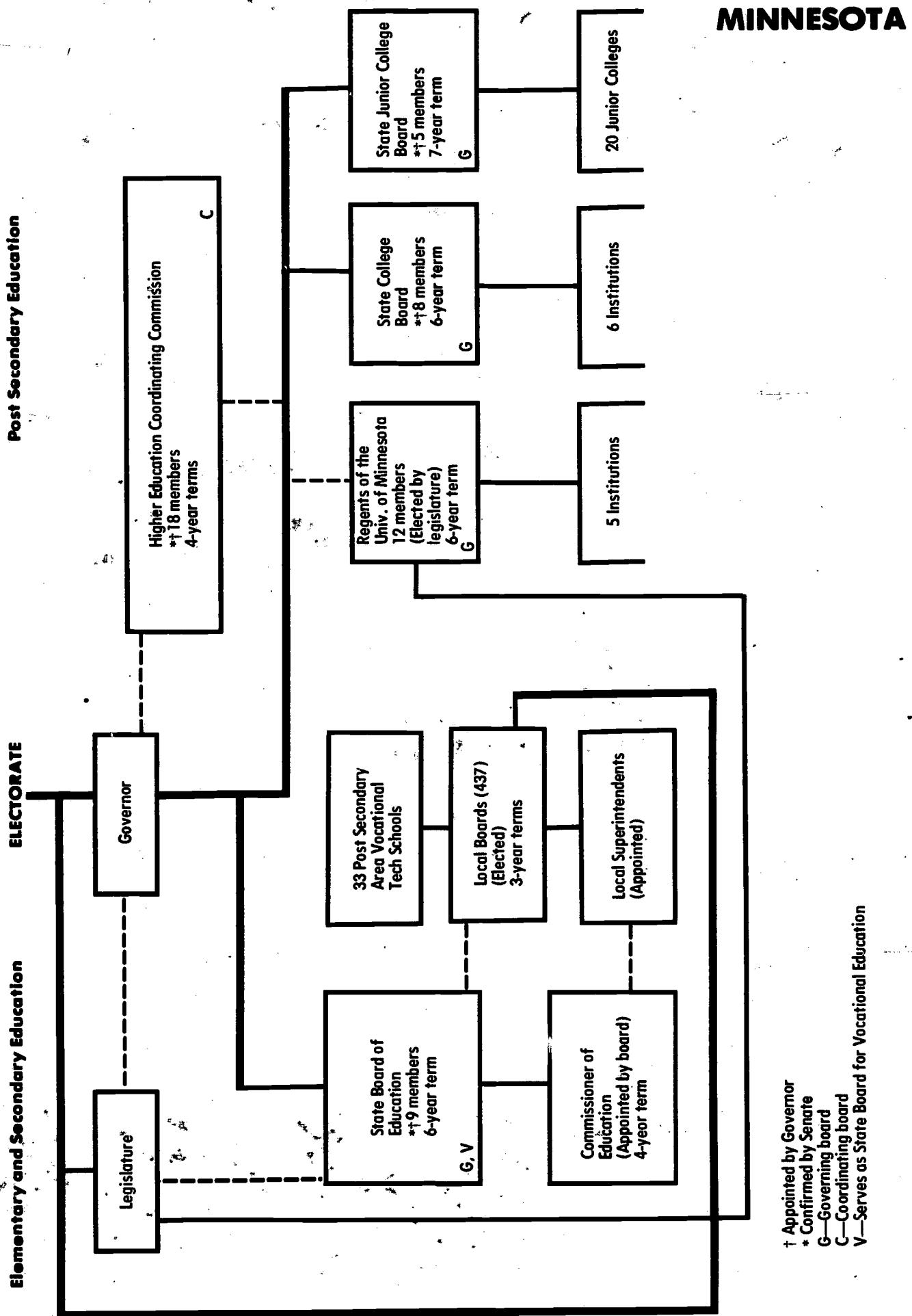
# MICHIGAN

## Post Secondary Education



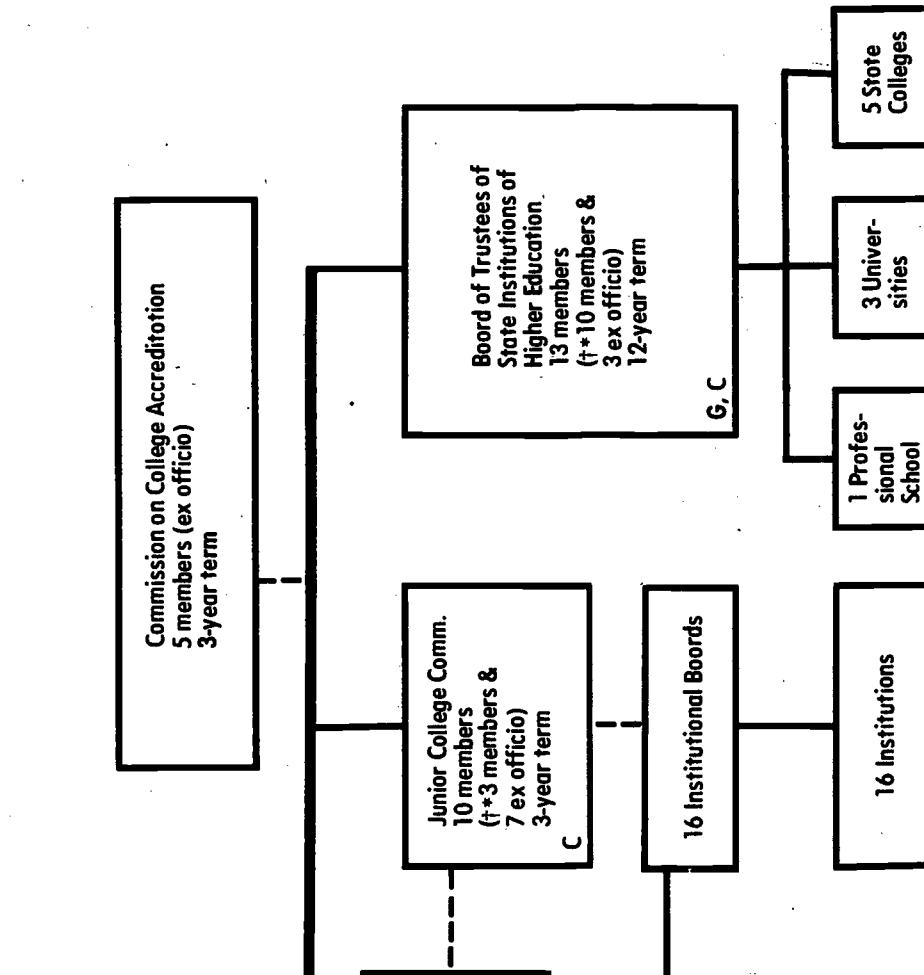
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## Post Secondary Education

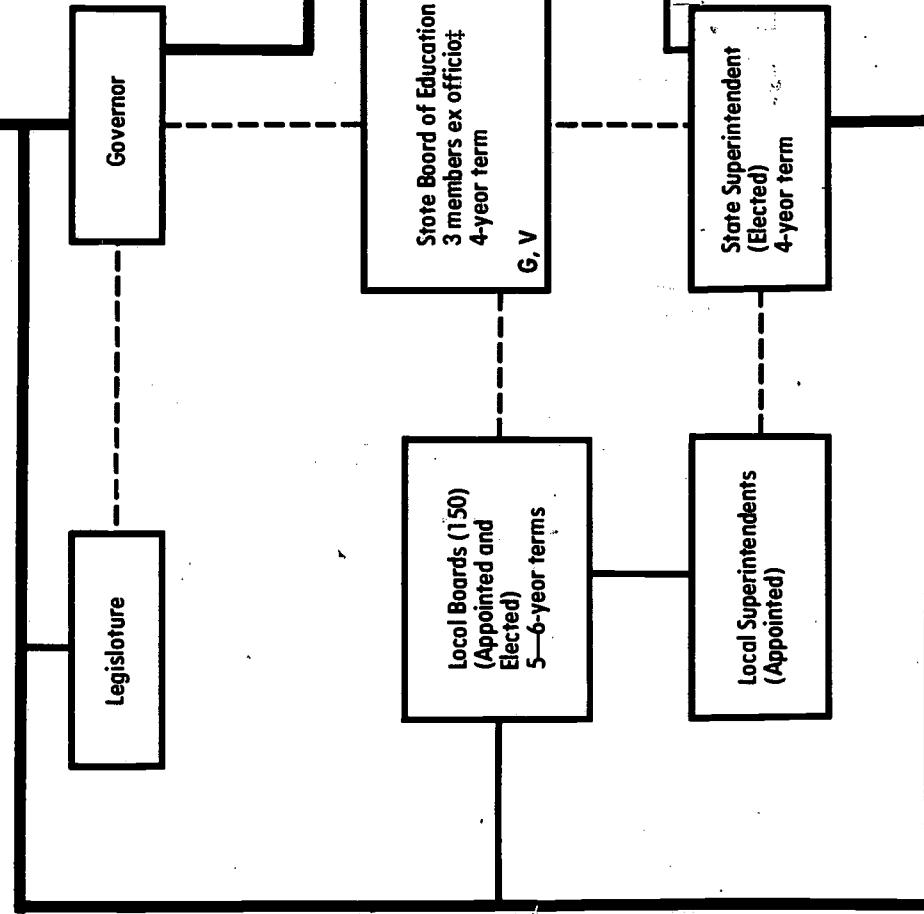


# MISSISSIPPI

## Post Secondary Education



## Elementary and Secondary Education



† Consists of Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Superintendent

‡ Appointed by Governor

† Confirmed by Senate

G—Governing board

C—Coordinating board

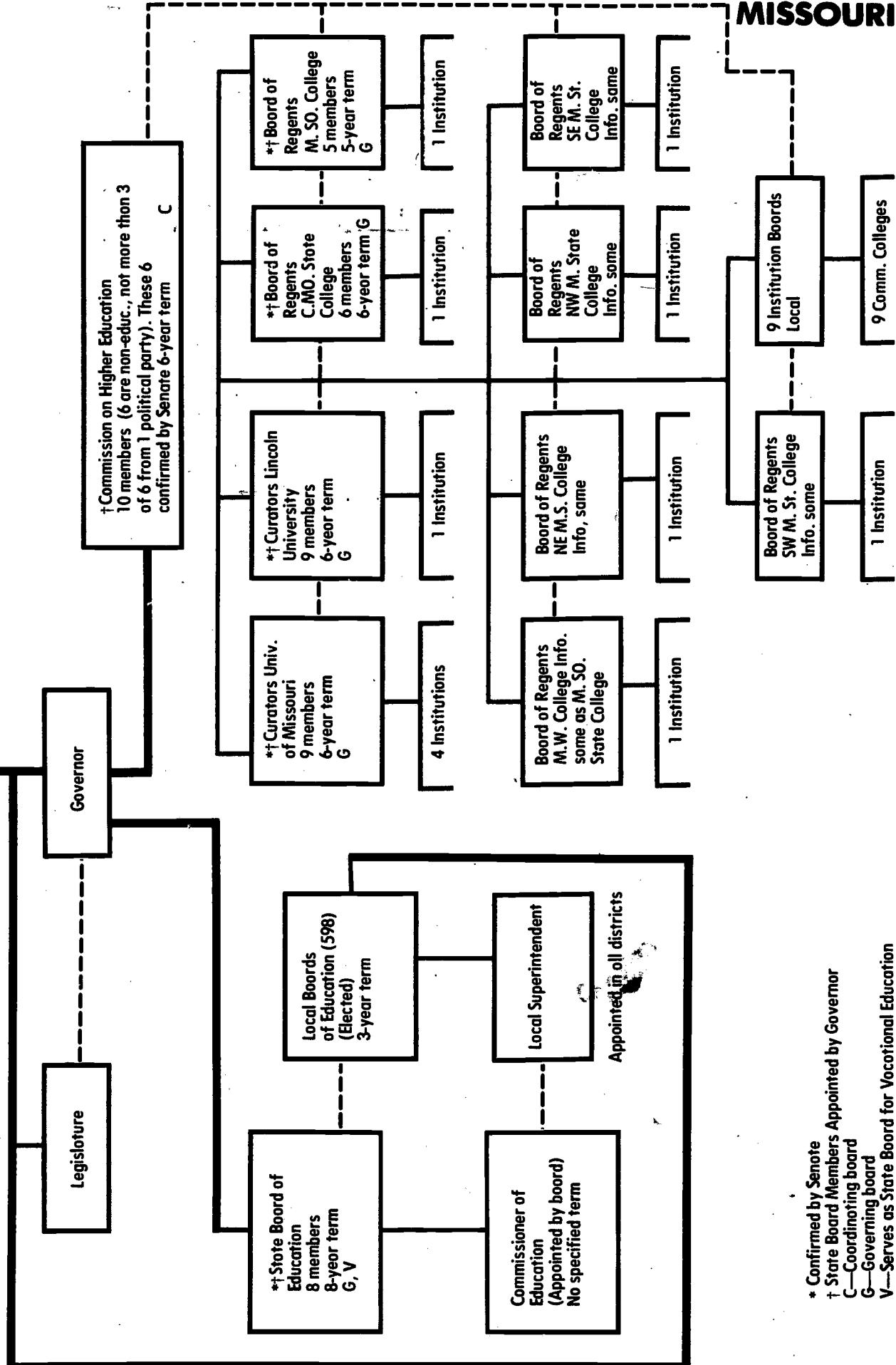
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

# MISSISSIPPI

## MISSOURI

Elementary and Secondary Education

Post Secondary Education

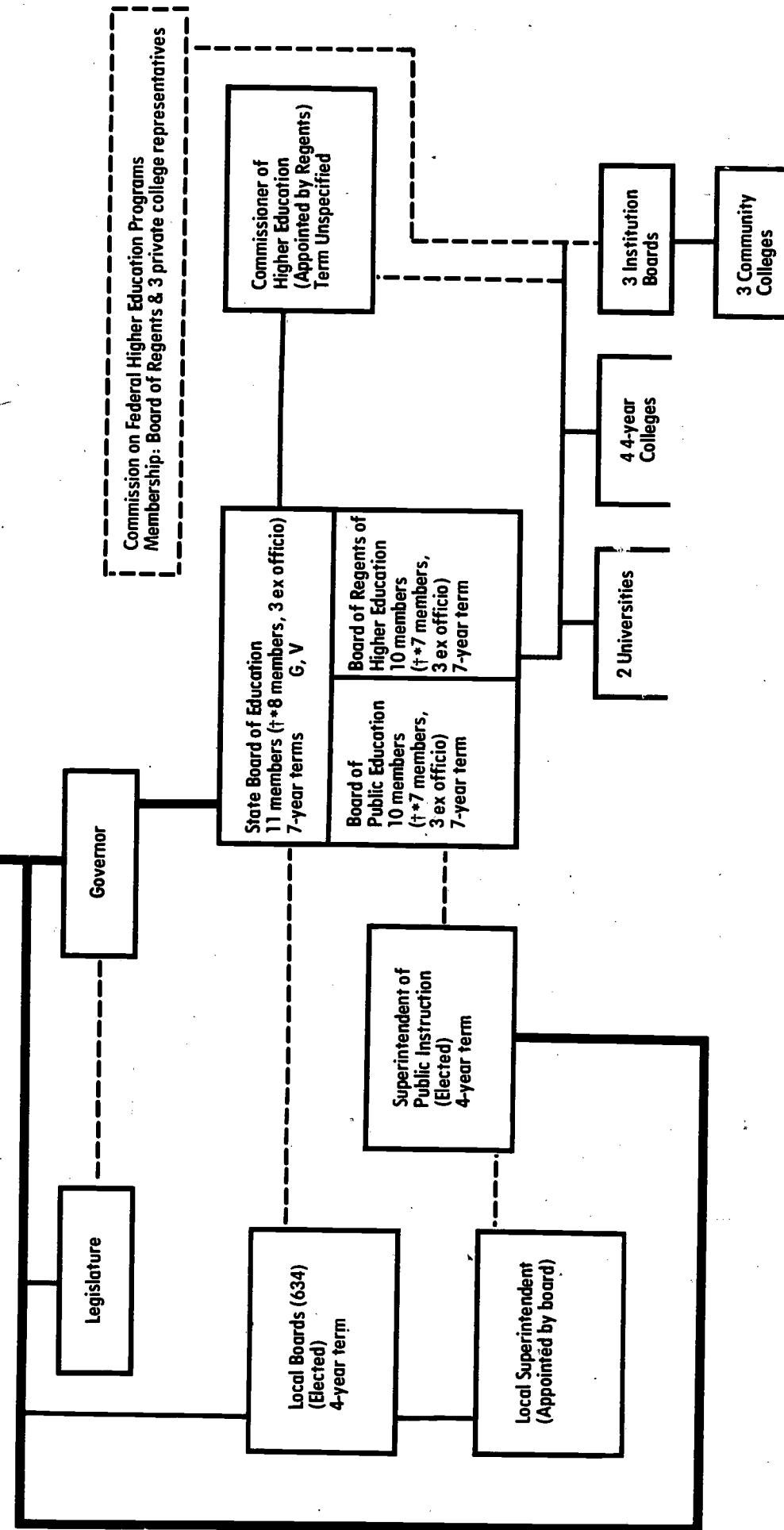


- \* Confirmed by Senate
- † State Board Members Appointed by Governor
- C—Coordinating board
- G—Governing board
- V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

# MONTANA

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education

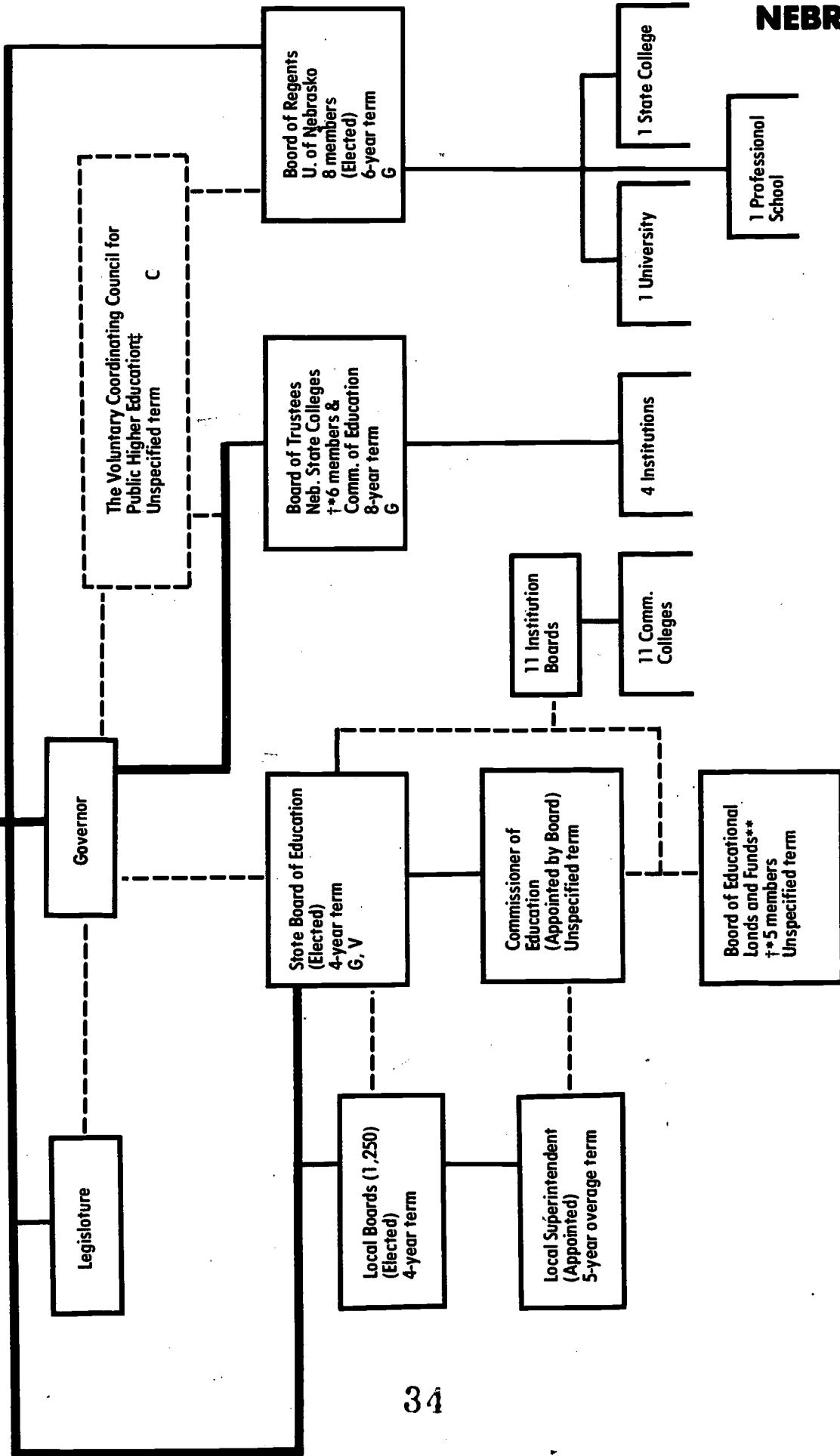


†—Appointed by Governor  
\*—Confirmed by Senate  
G—Governing board  
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

# NEBRASKA

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education



\*\* Responsible for management & control of all public school lands (including higher education)  
†\* Consists of chief executive officer and board representation by the Regent of the U. of Neb.

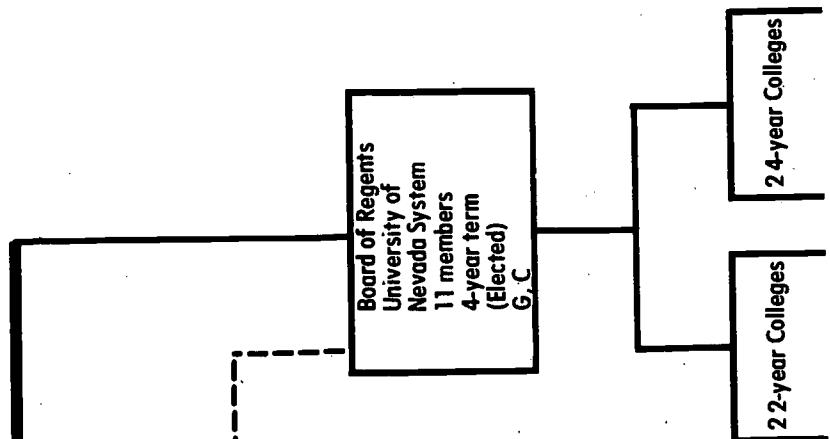
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

C—Coordinating board  
G—Governing board  
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

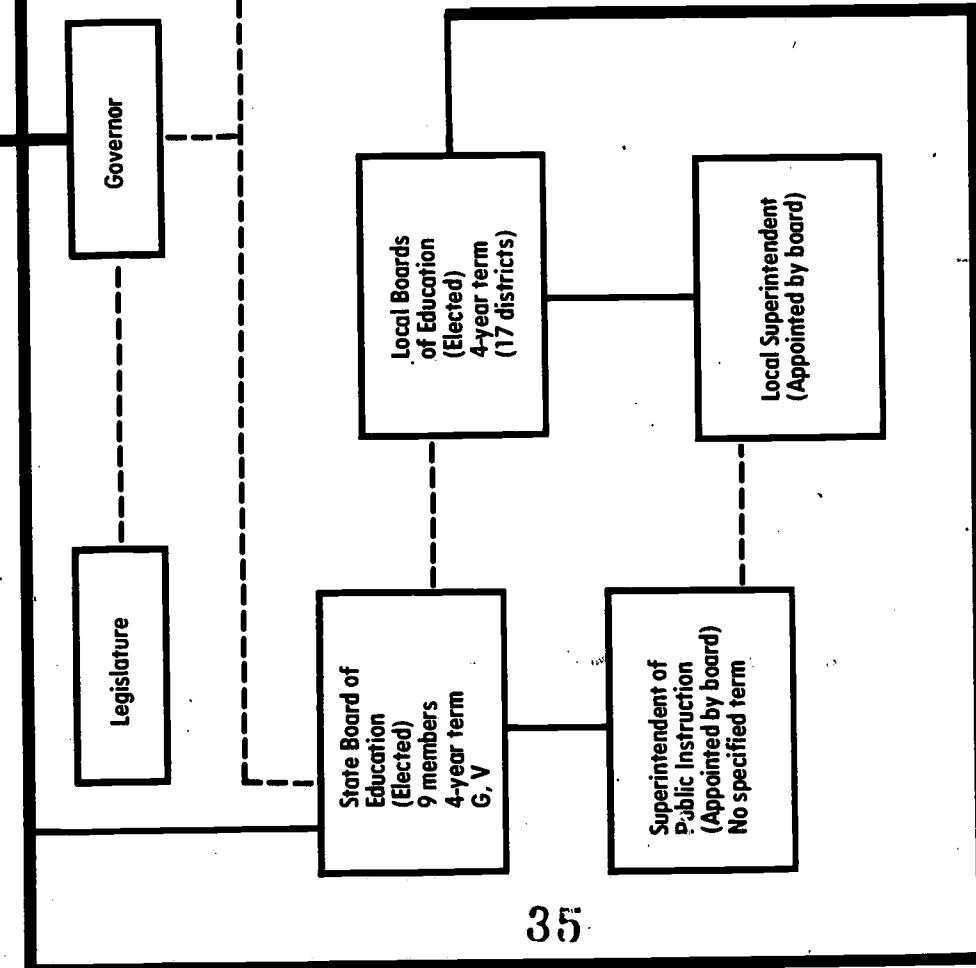
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G—Governing board  
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

**NEVADA**

**Post Secondary Education**



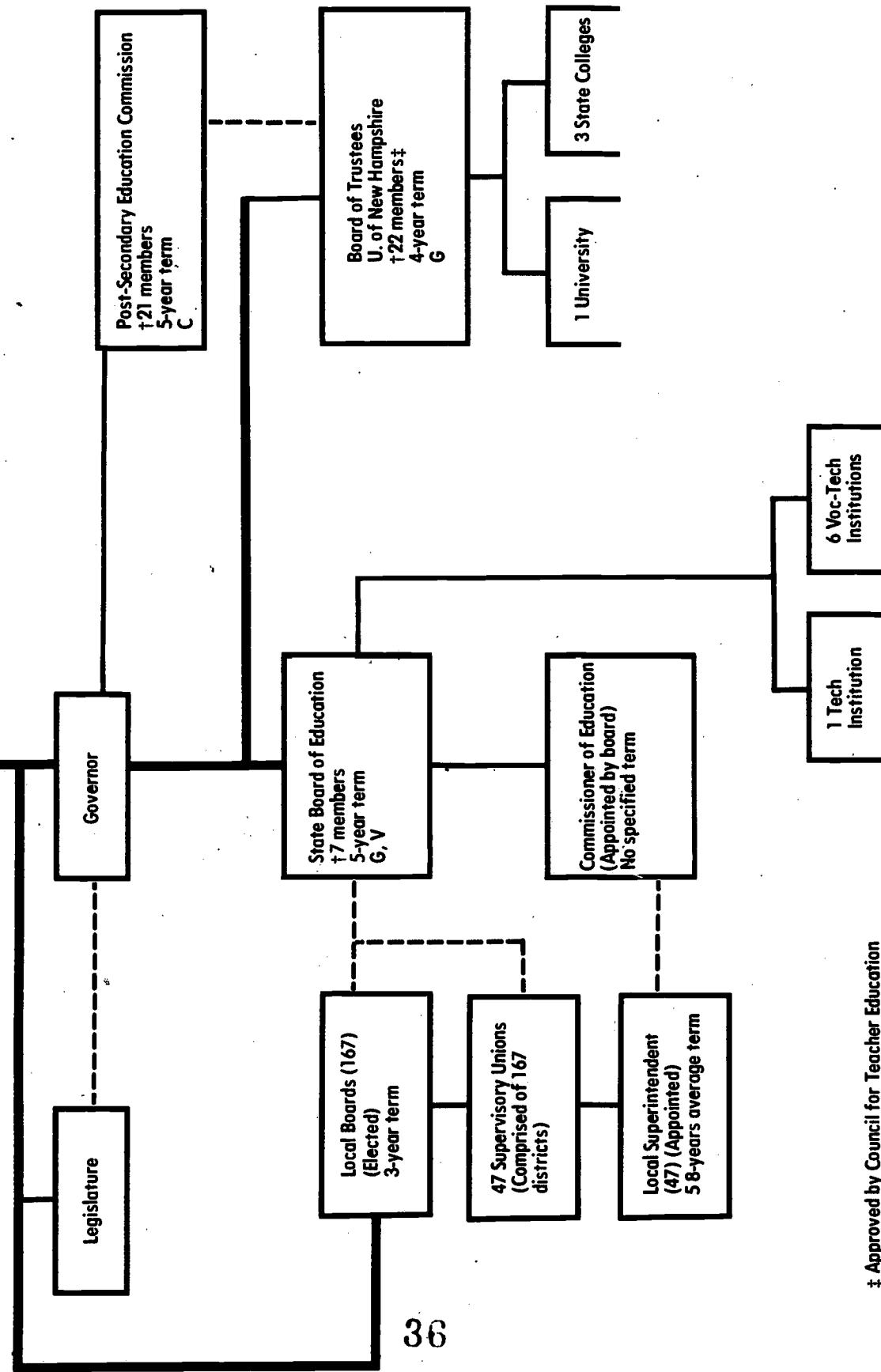
**Elementary and Secondary Education**



# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

### Post Secondary Education



† Approved by Council for Teacher Education

‡ Appointed by Governor

G—Governing board

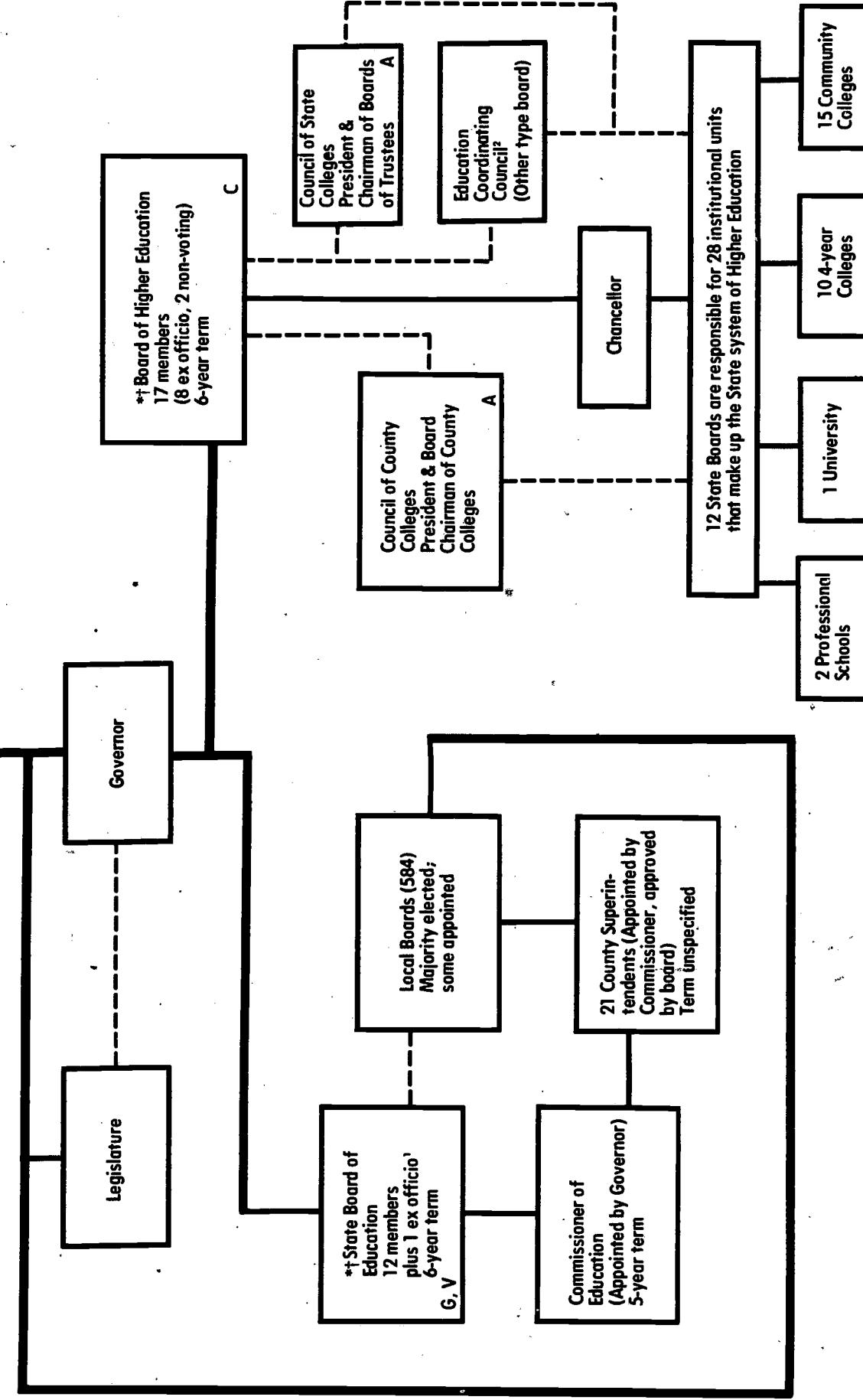
C—Coordinating board

V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

# NEW JERSEY

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education



<sup>†</sup> State Board Members Appointed by Governor

\* Senate confirms

G—Governing board

C—Coordinating board

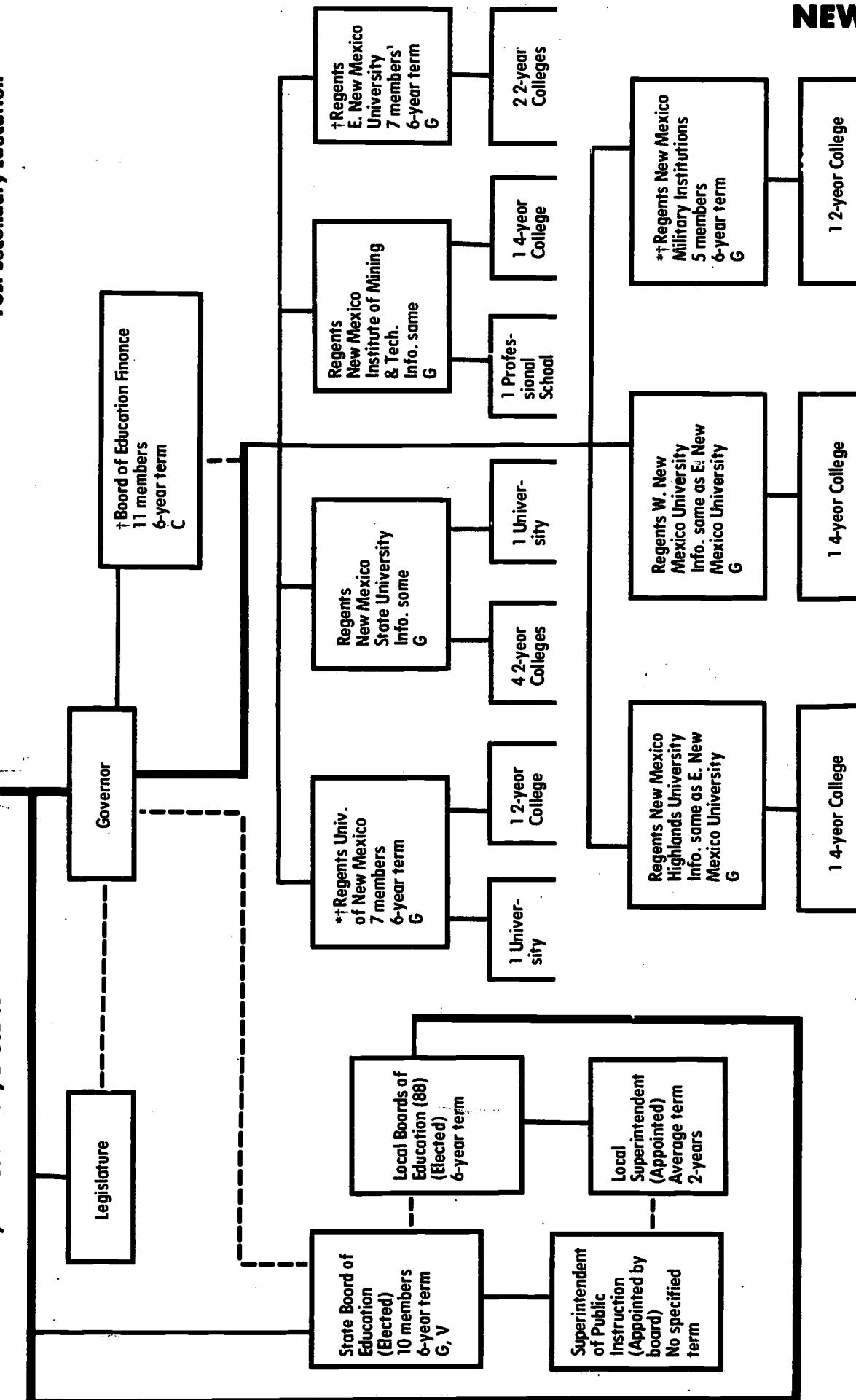
A—Advisory board

V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

## NEW MEXICO

Elementary and Secondary Education

Post Secondary Education



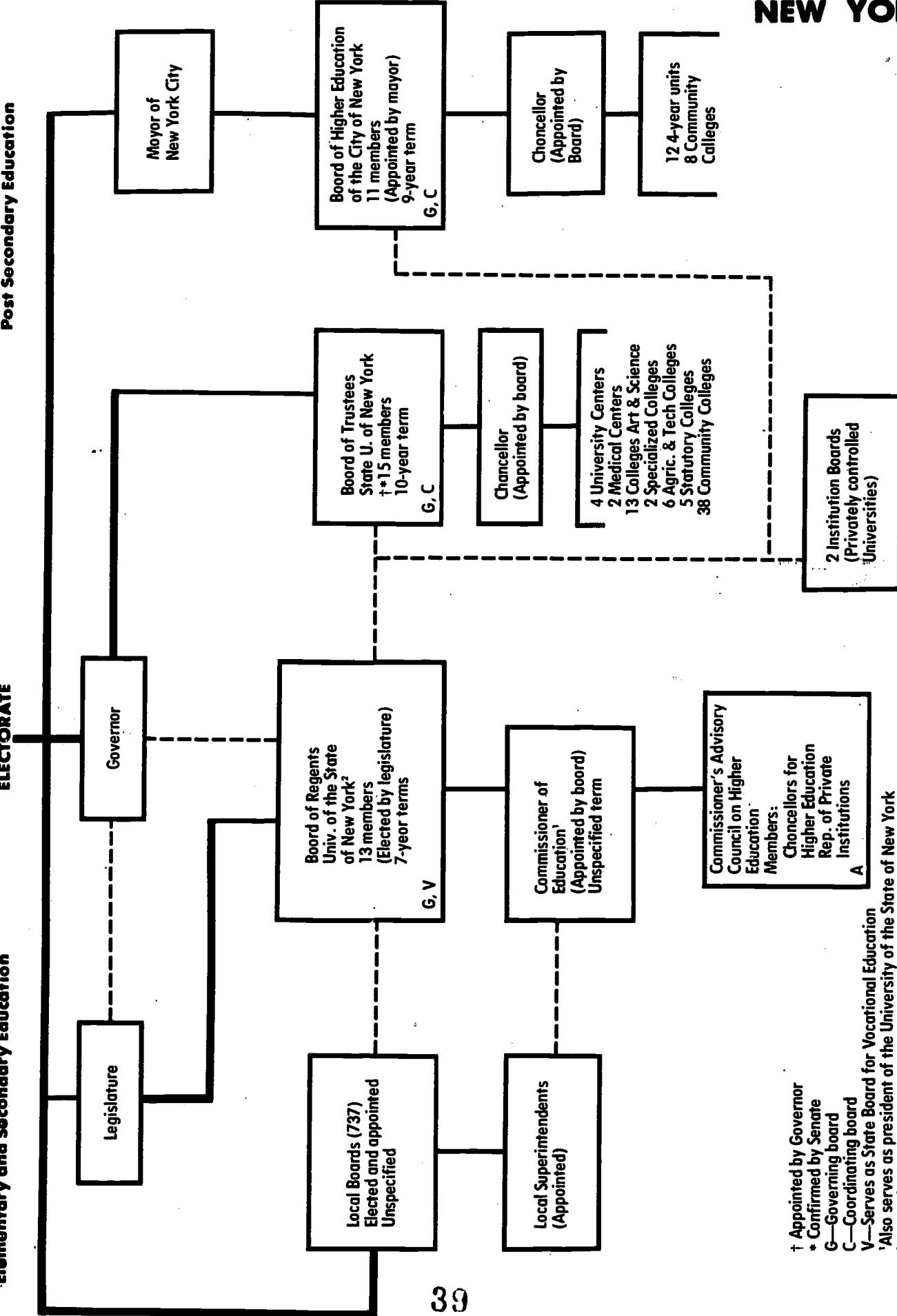
- C—Coordinating board
- G—Governing board
- V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
- \* Confirmed by Senate

† State Board members appointed by Governor  
Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction—ex officio

# NEW YORK

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education

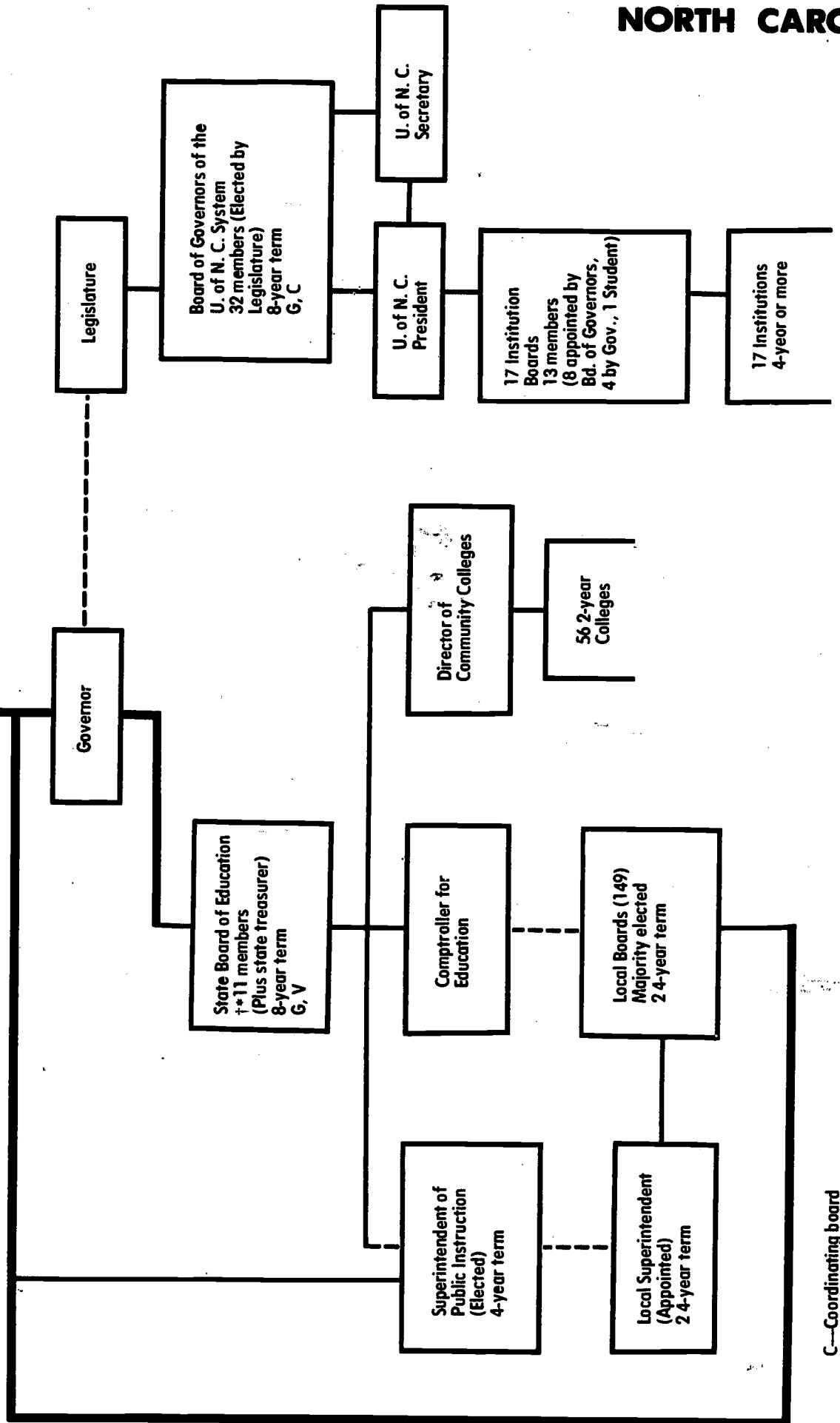


# NORTH CAROLINA

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## ELECTORATE

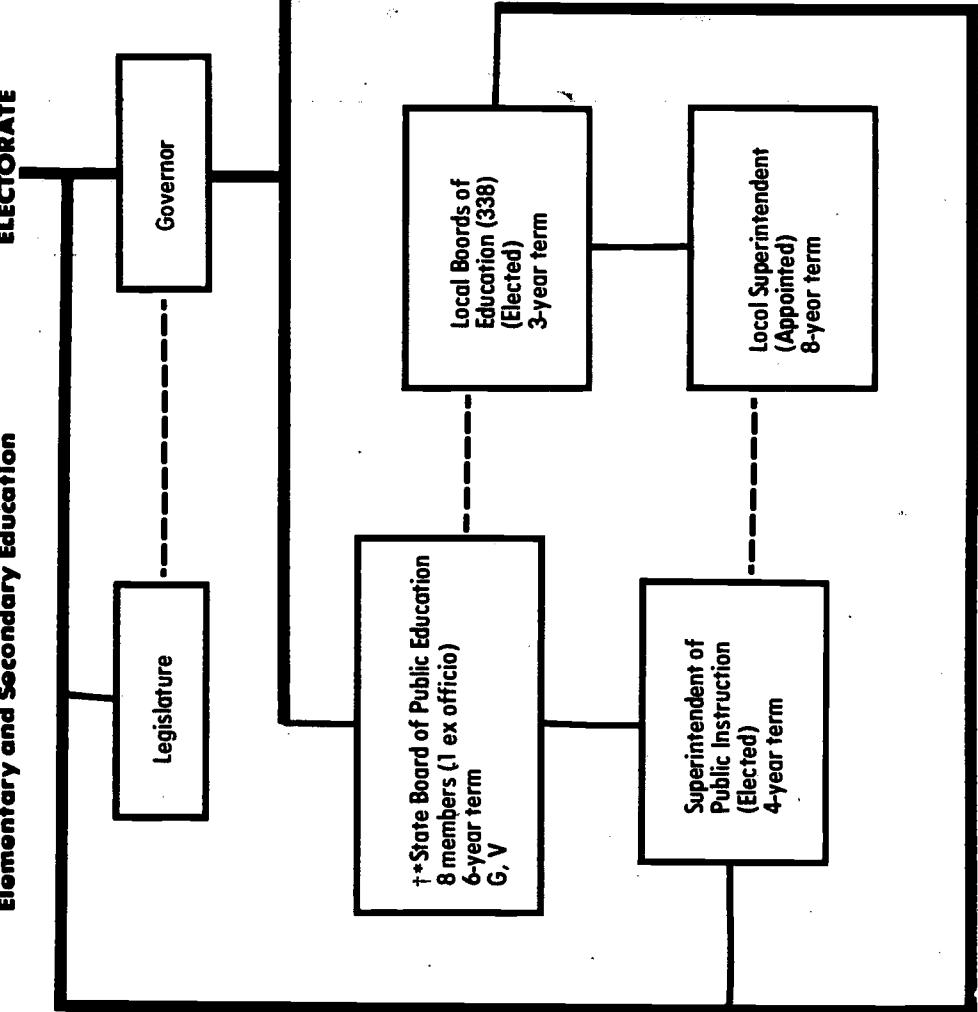
## Post Secondary Education



# NORTH DAKOTA

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education



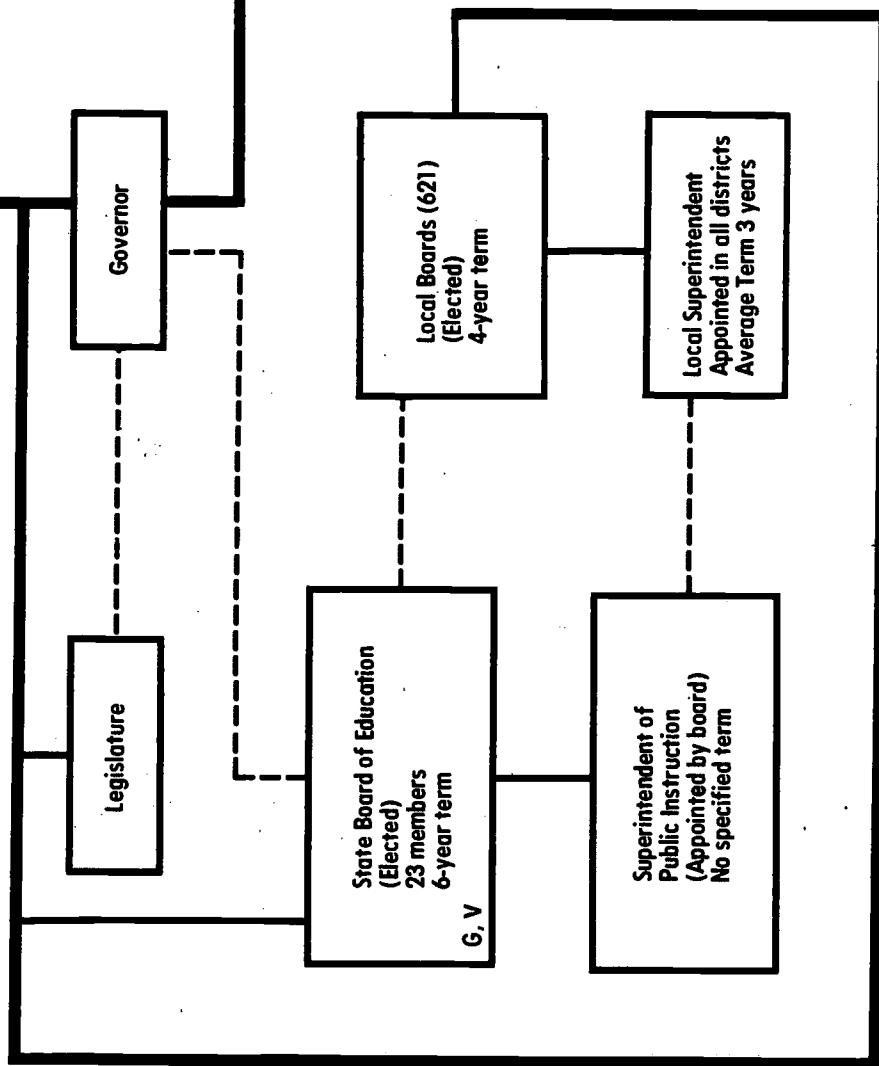
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 V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education  
 †—Appointed by Governor  
 \*—Confirmed by Senate

# NORTH DAKOTA

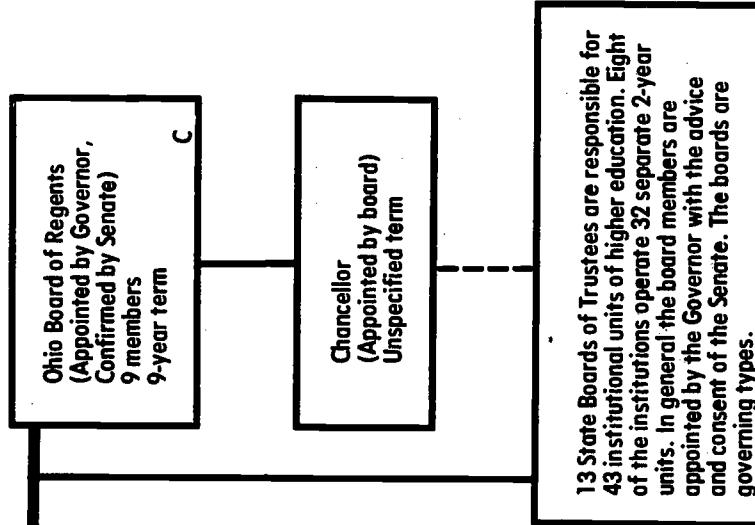
# OHIO

## Elementary and Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE



## Post Secondary Education

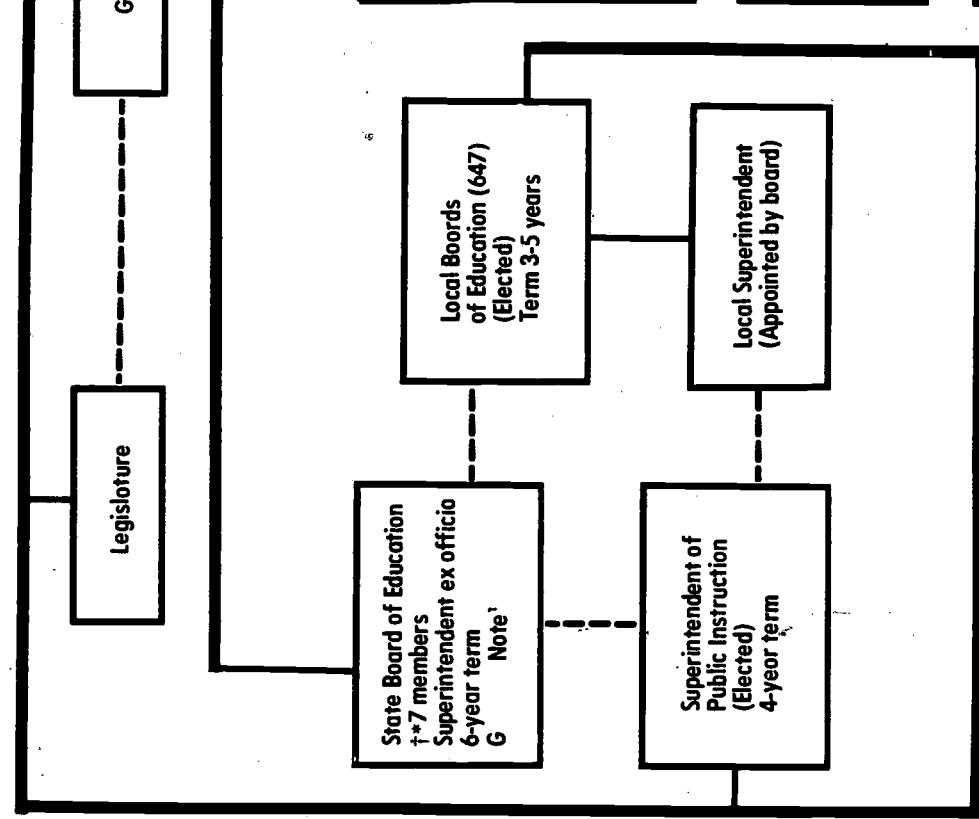


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V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

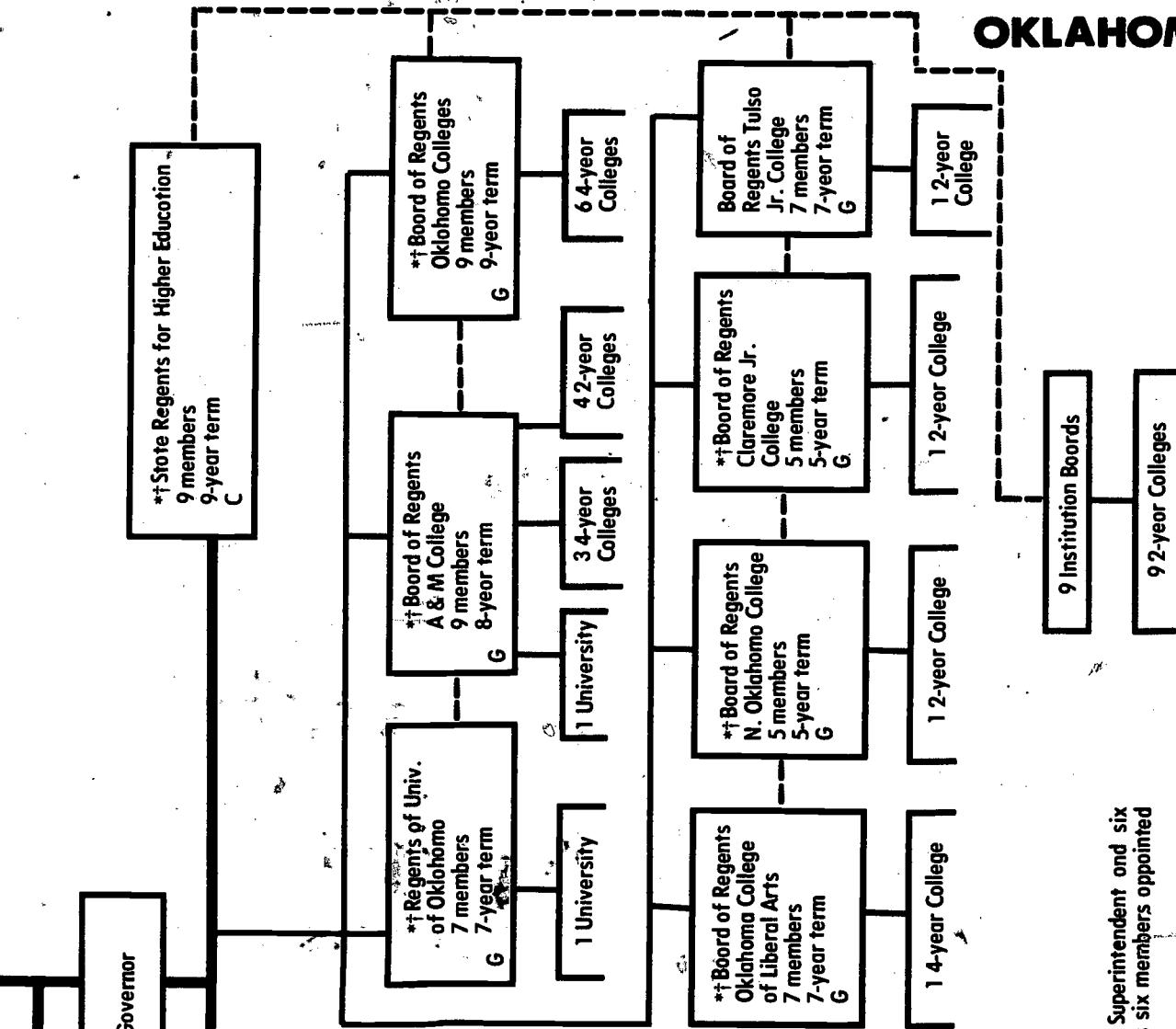
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## Elementary and Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE



## Post Secondary Education



OKLAHOMA

\* Senate confirms

† State Board members appointed by Governor

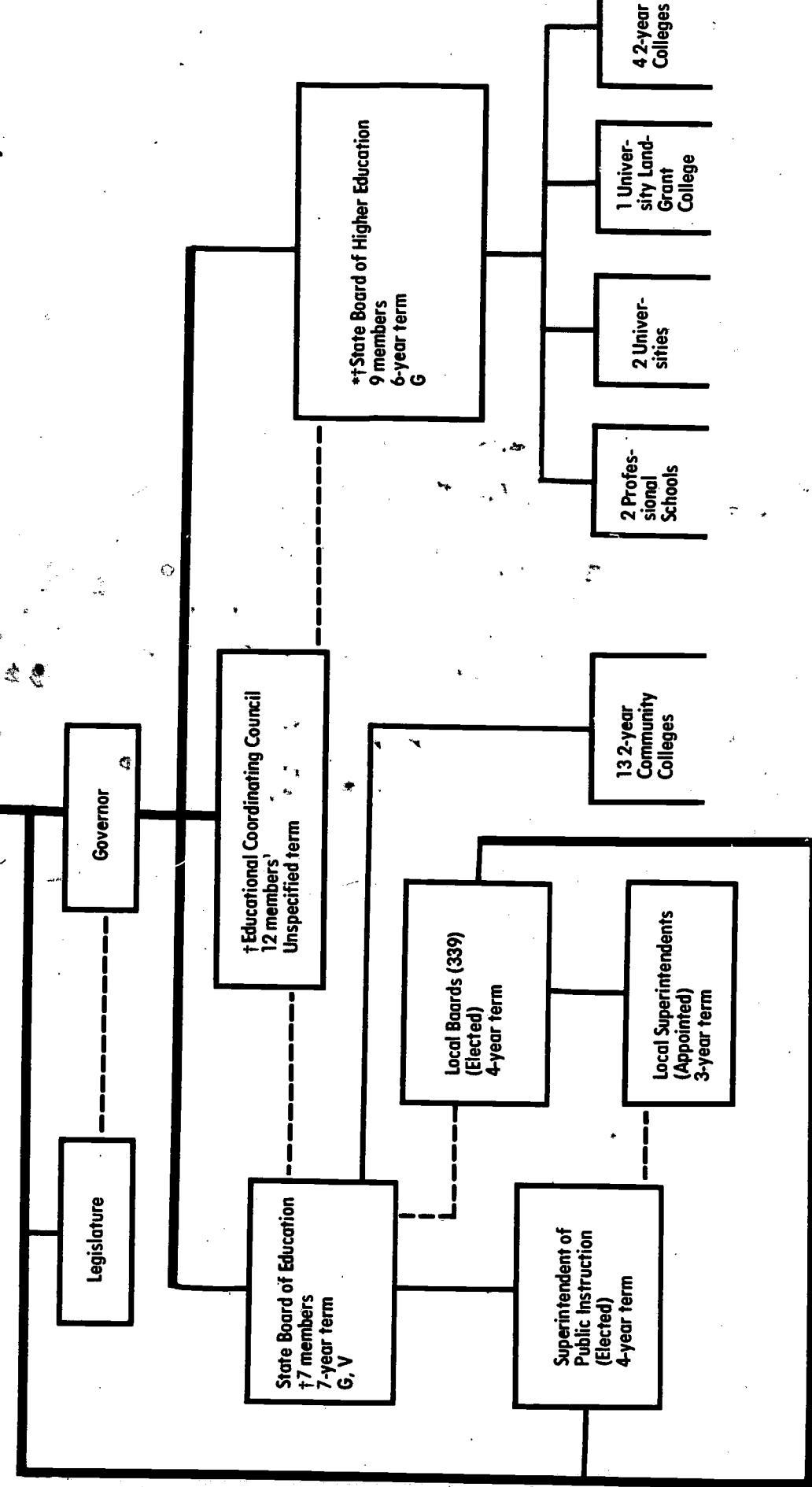
C—Coordinating board

G—Governing board  
The State board of Vocational and Technical Education consists of Superintendent and six appointed members of State Board as ex officio voting members, plus six members appointed by Governor and approved by Senate.

# OREGON

## Elementary and Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE



\*Composed of educators, legislators, a student, & general public.  
Deals with public & private sectors.

G—Governing board

C—Coordinating board

V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

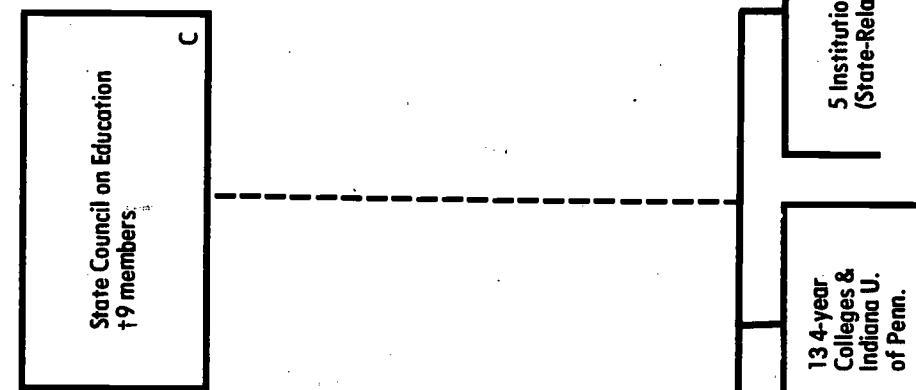
\* Senate confirms

† Appointed by Governor

OREGON

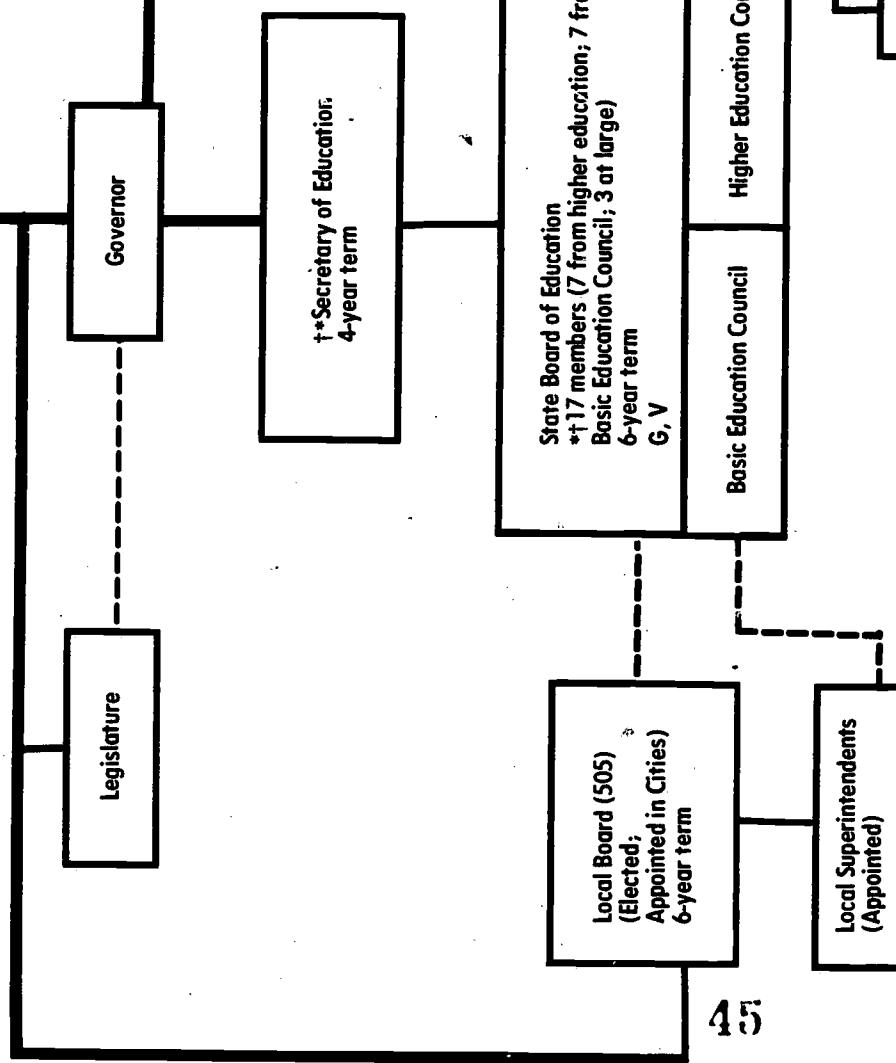
# PENNSYLVANIA

## Post Secondary Education



## Elementary and Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE



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† Appointed by Governor  
\* Confirmed by Senate  
G—Governing board  
C—Coordinating board  
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

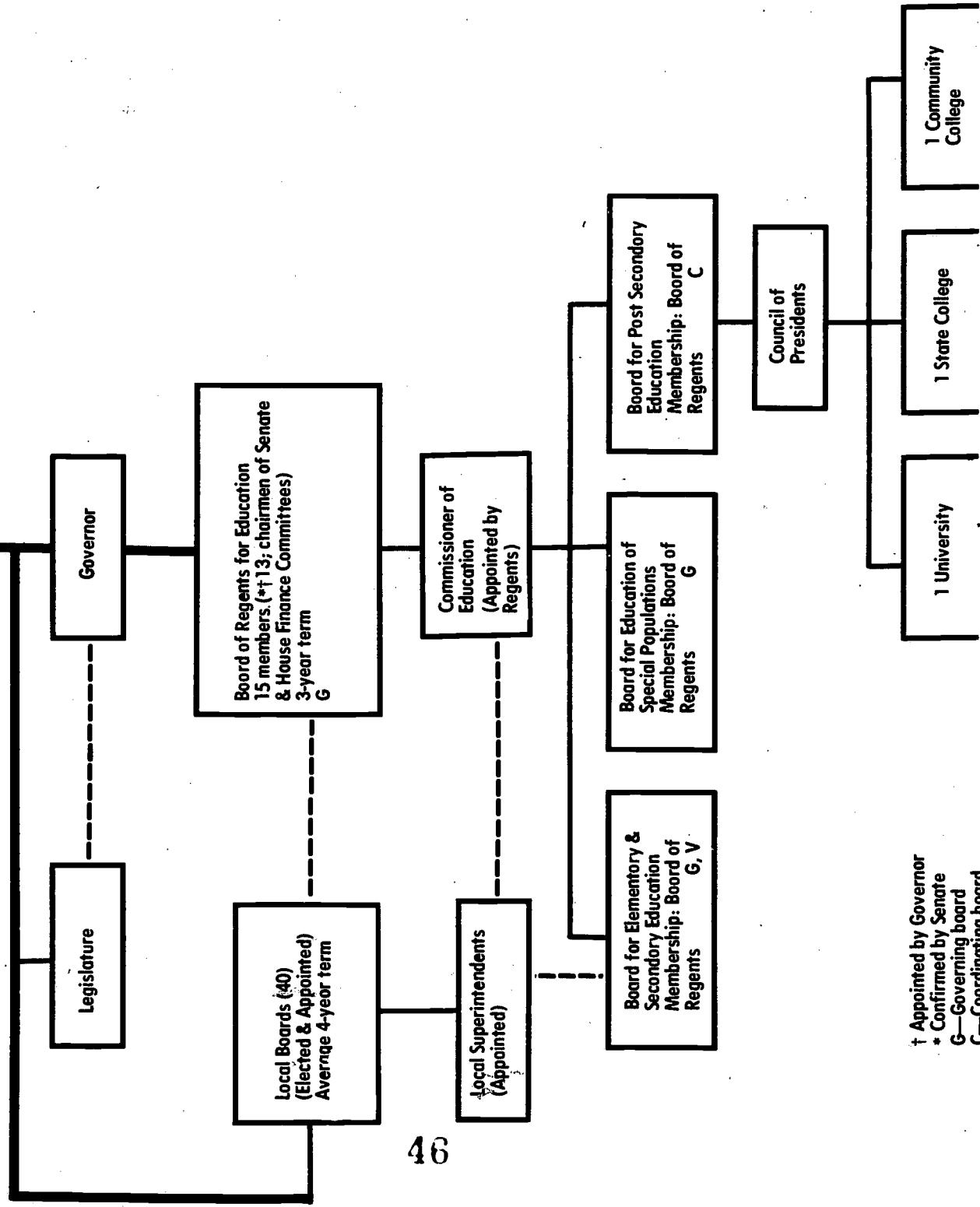
# RHODE ISLAND

## RHODE ISLAND

### Post Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE

### Elementary and Secondary Education



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† Confirmed by Senate

G—Governing board

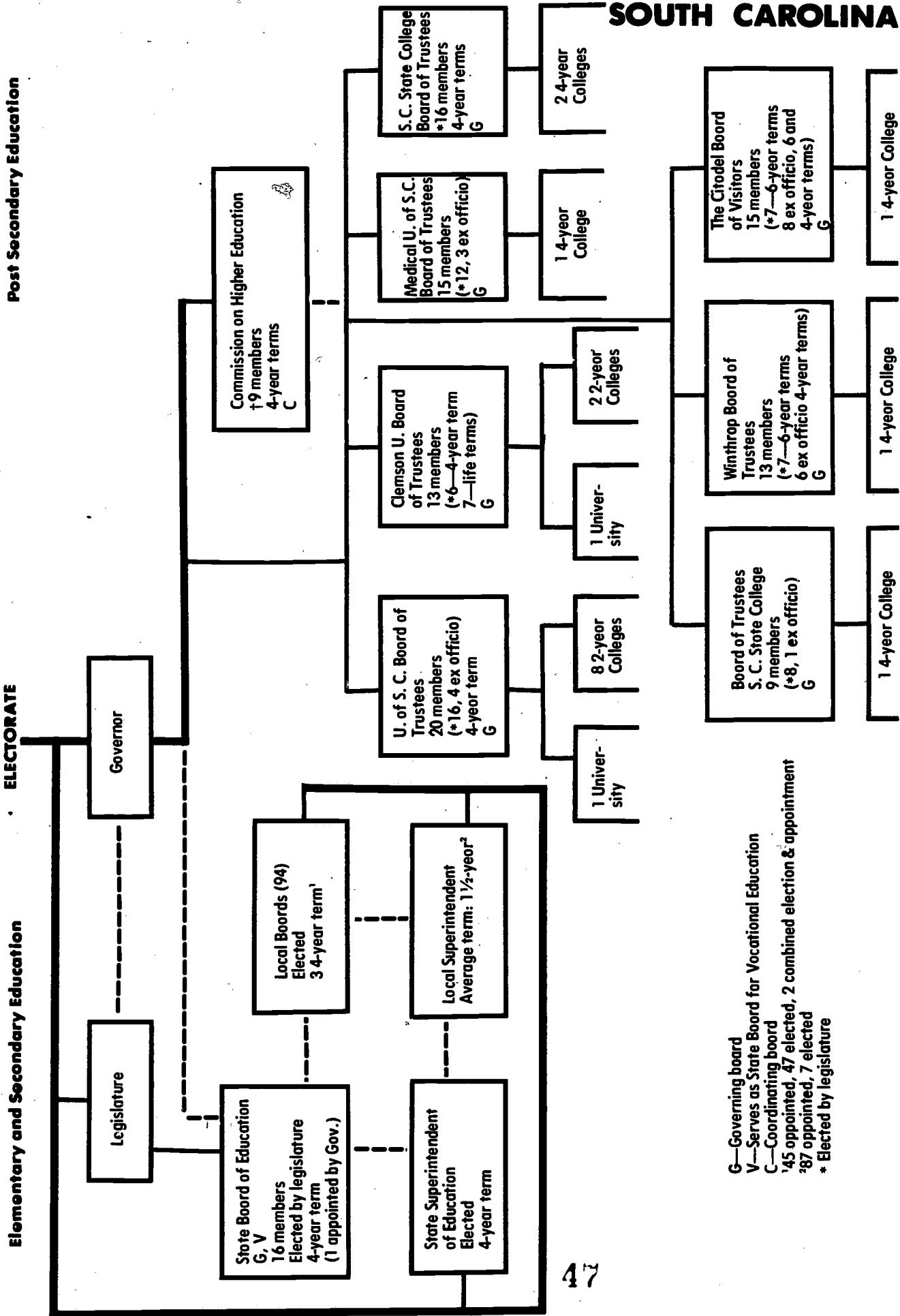
C—Coordinating board

V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

# SOUTH CAROLINA

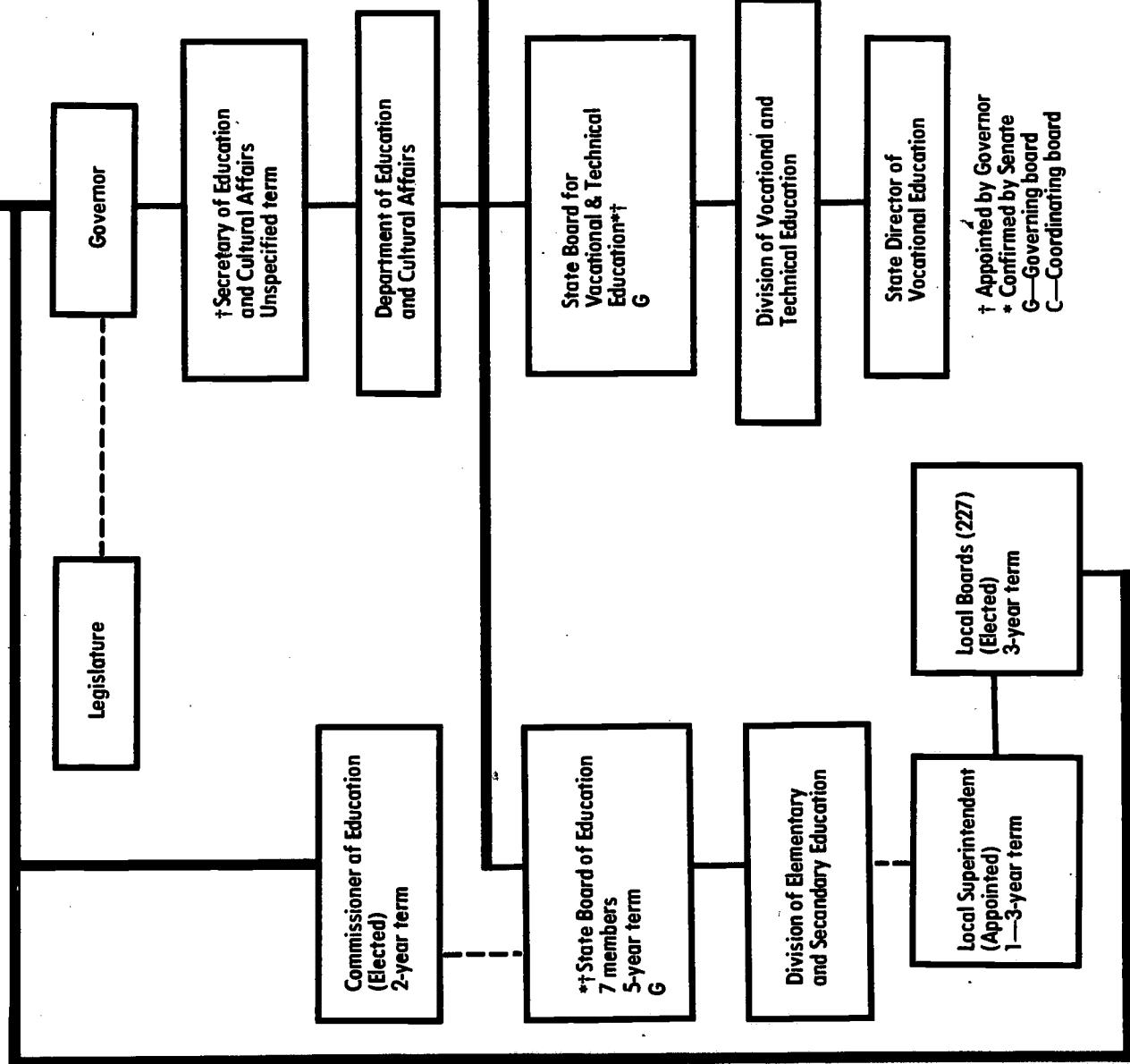
## Post Secondary Education

## Elementary and Secondary Education



# **SOUTH DAKOTA**

Elementary and Secondary Education



Post Secondary Education

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

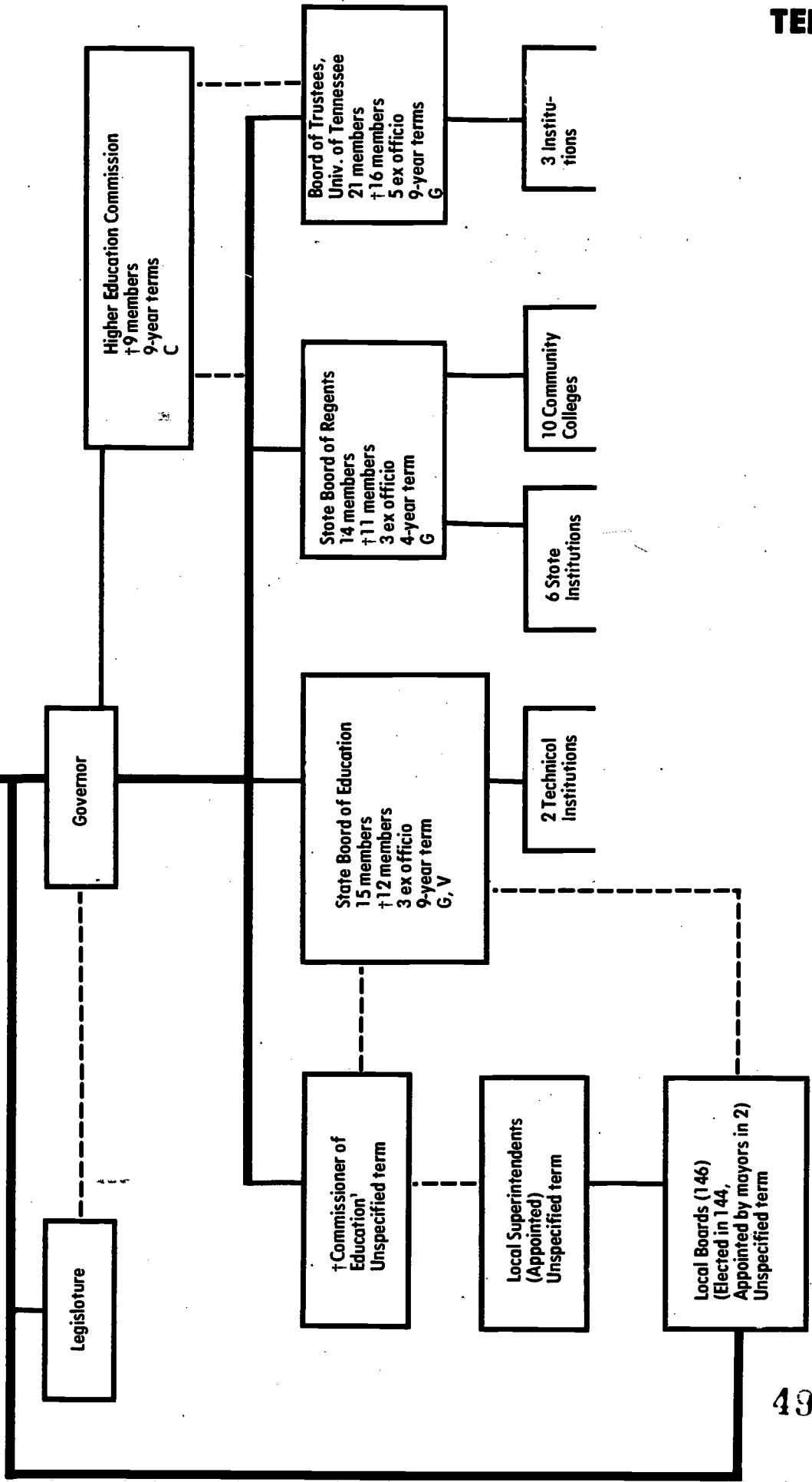
† Appointed by Governor  
\* Confirmed by Senate  
G—Governing board  
C—Coordinating board

**TENNESSEE**

**Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Post Secondary Education**

**ELECTORATE**



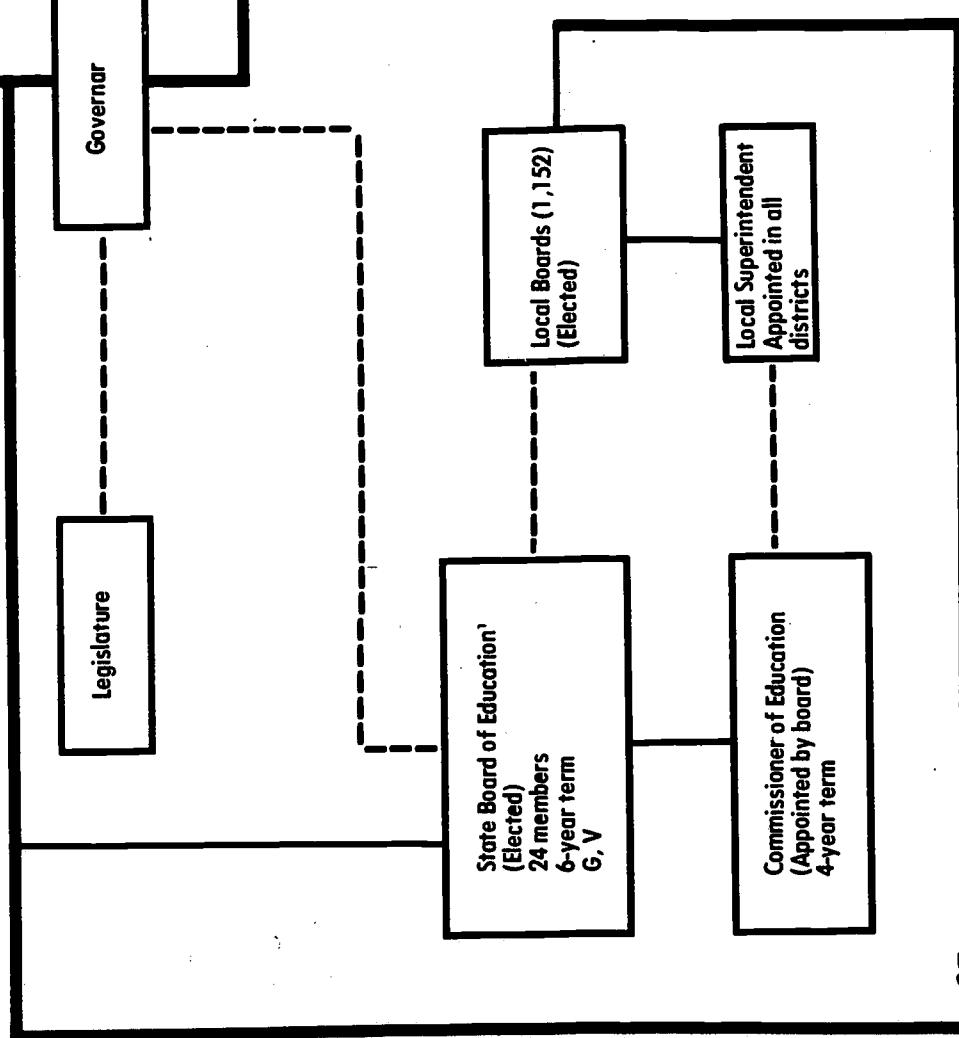
† Appointed by Governor  
 G—Governing board  
 C—Coordinating board  
 V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education  
 \*Serves as cabinet member

## TEXAS

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education

## ELECTORATE



15 state boards are responsible for 36 public institutions of higher education; 47 2-year community or junior colleges are governed by 42 district boards. Board members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Board membership usually consists of 9 members with 6-year terms. Boards are of governing types.

<sup>1</sup>State Board serves as one part of the Texas Education Agency. TEA also includes the State Board for Vocational Education, & State Commission of Education. The Commissioner of Education serves as executive officer of the TEA, and as executive secretary of the State Board of Education, and of the State Board for Vocational Education.

C—Coordinating board

G—Governing board

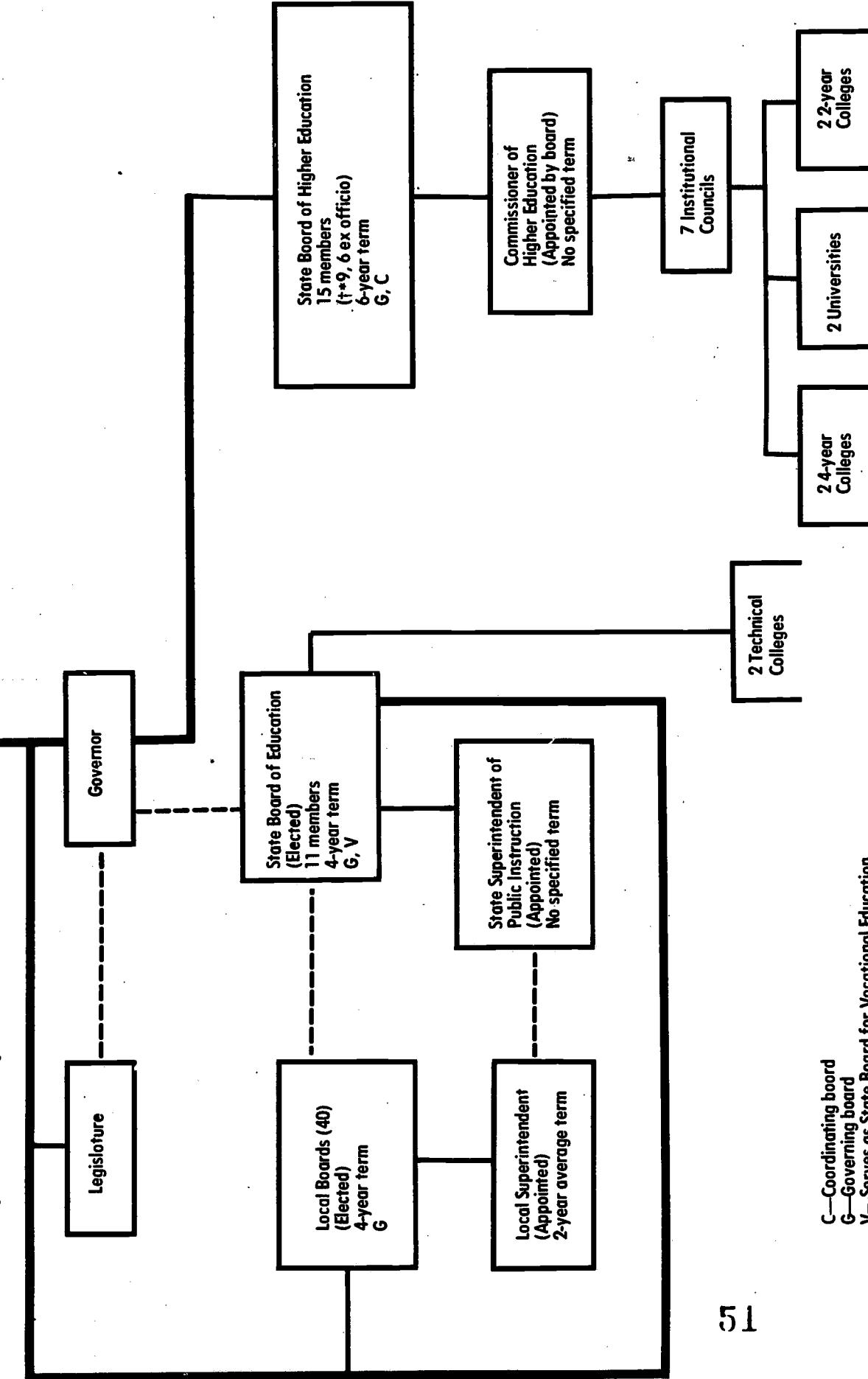
\* Senate confirms

<sup>†</sup>State Board members appointed by Governor

## UTAH

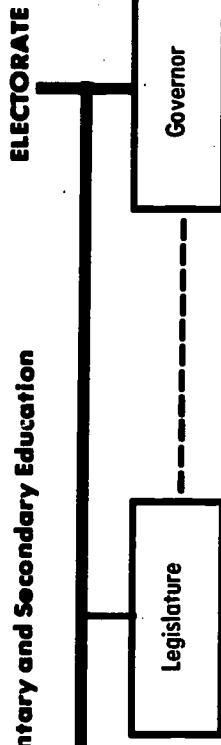
## Post Secondary Education

## Elementary and Secondary Education



# VERMONT

## Elementary and Secondary Education



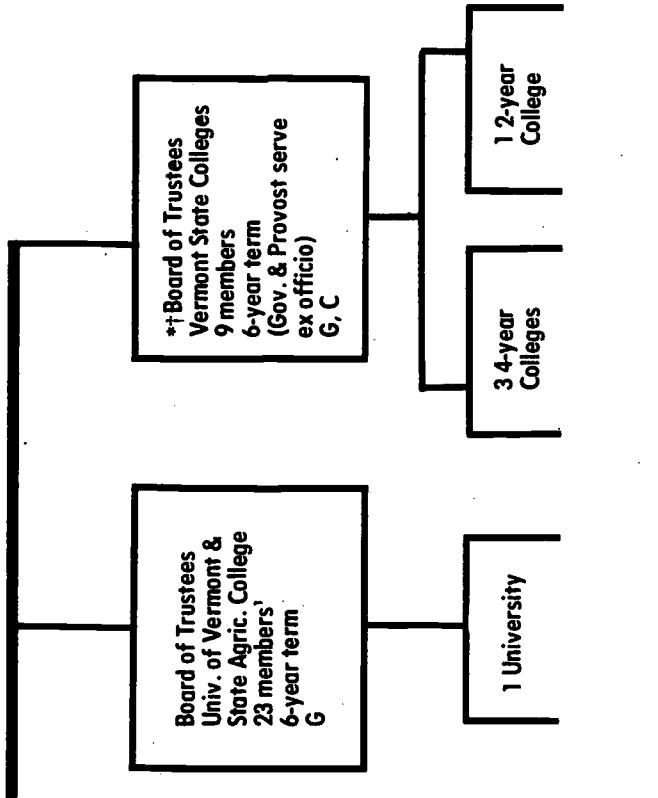
\* State Board of Education  
7 members  
6-year term  
G, V

Commissioner of Education  
(Appointed by board)  
No specified term

Local Boards of Education (272)  
(Elected)  
Term 1-3 years

Local Superintendent  
(Appointed)

## Post Secondary Education



\* Board of Trustees  
Vermont State Colleges  
9 members  
6-year term  
(Gov. & Provost serve  
ex officio)

1 2-year College  
3 4-year Colleges

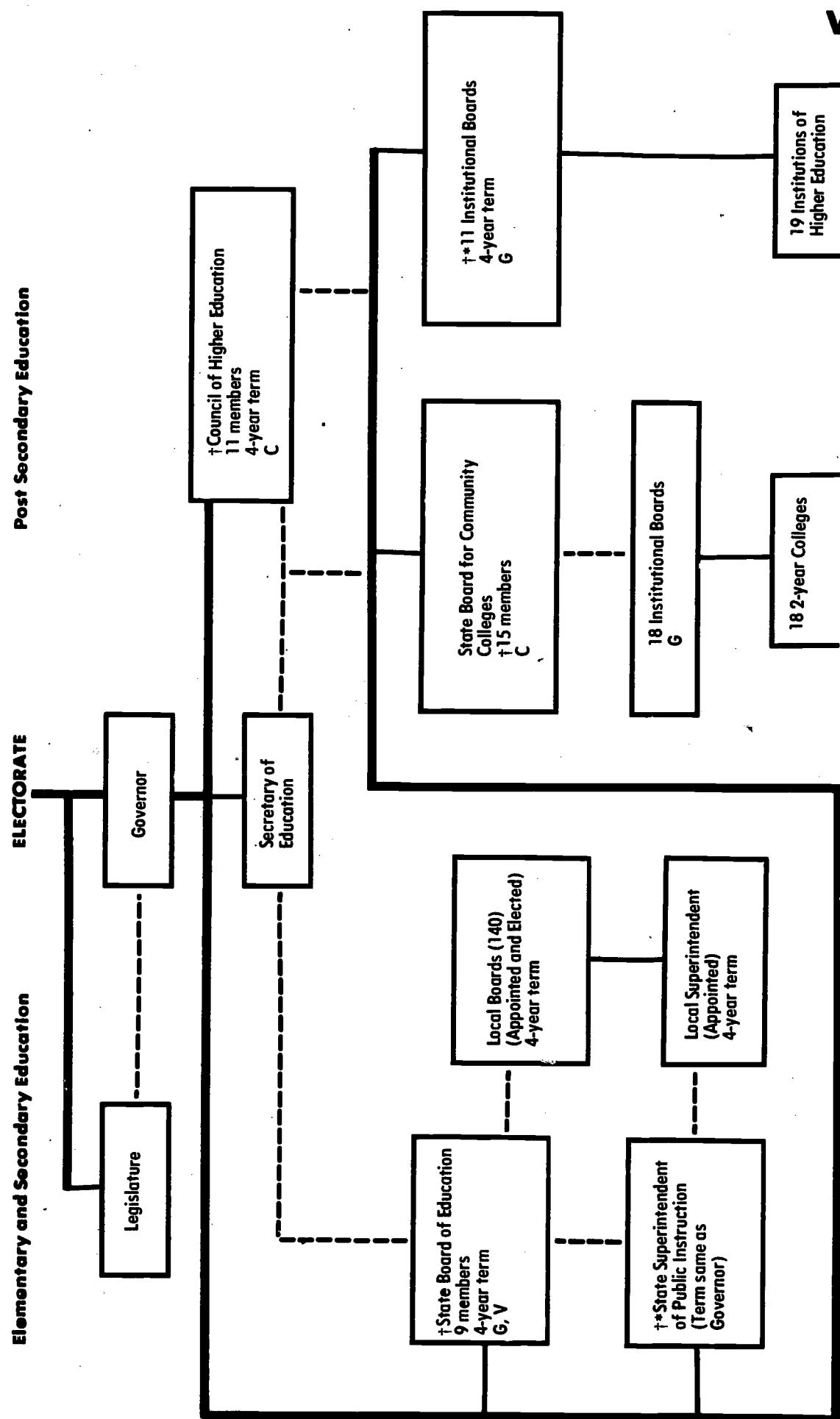
1 University

\* Senate confirms  
† State Board members appointed by Governor  
C—Coordinating board  
G—Governing board  
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education  
9 members elected by legislature; 3 appointed by Governor and confirmed by Senate;  
2 ex officio; 9 self-perpetuating

# VIRGINIA

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education

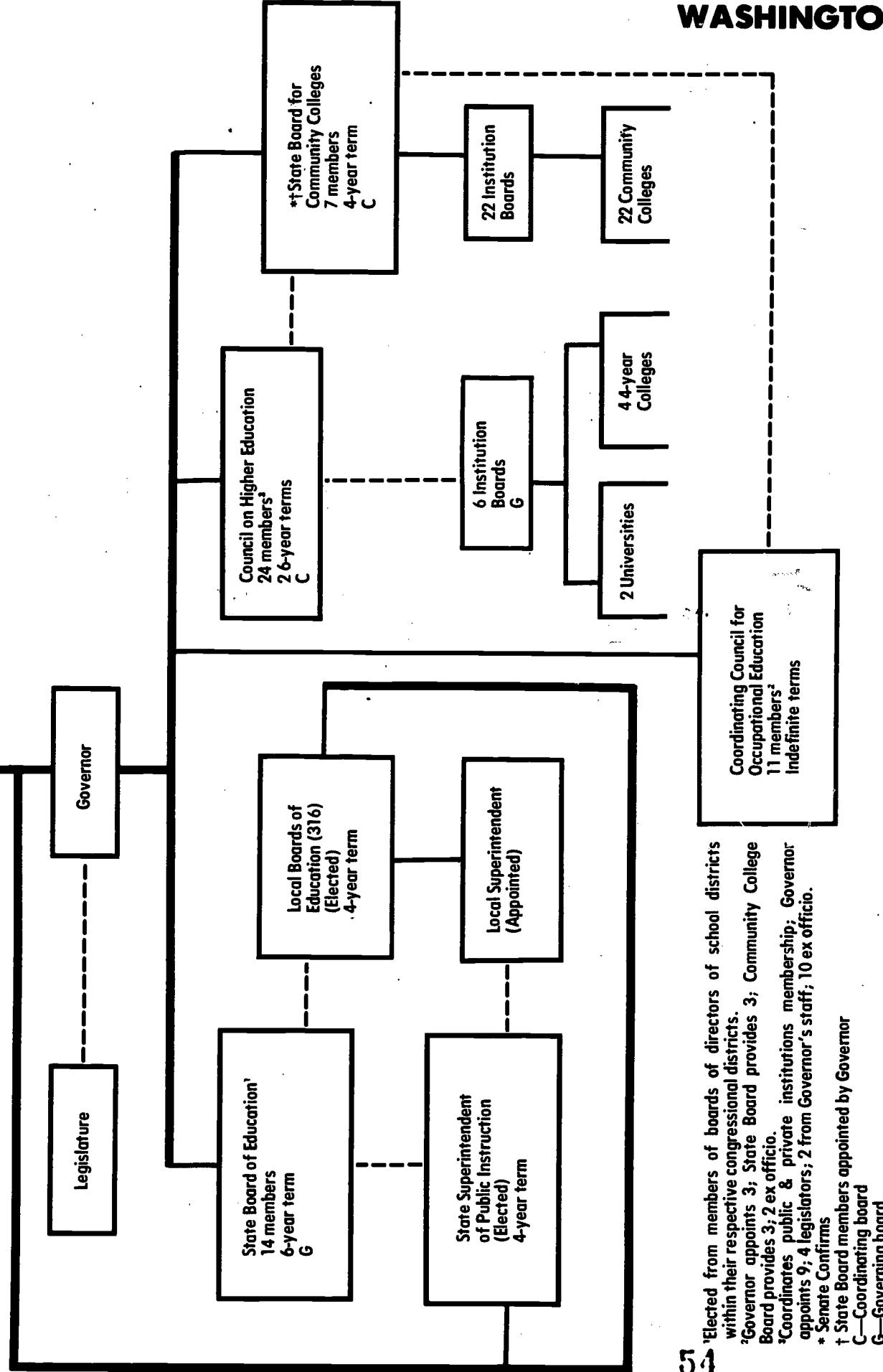


# WASHINGTON

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## Post Secondary Education

## ELECTORATE

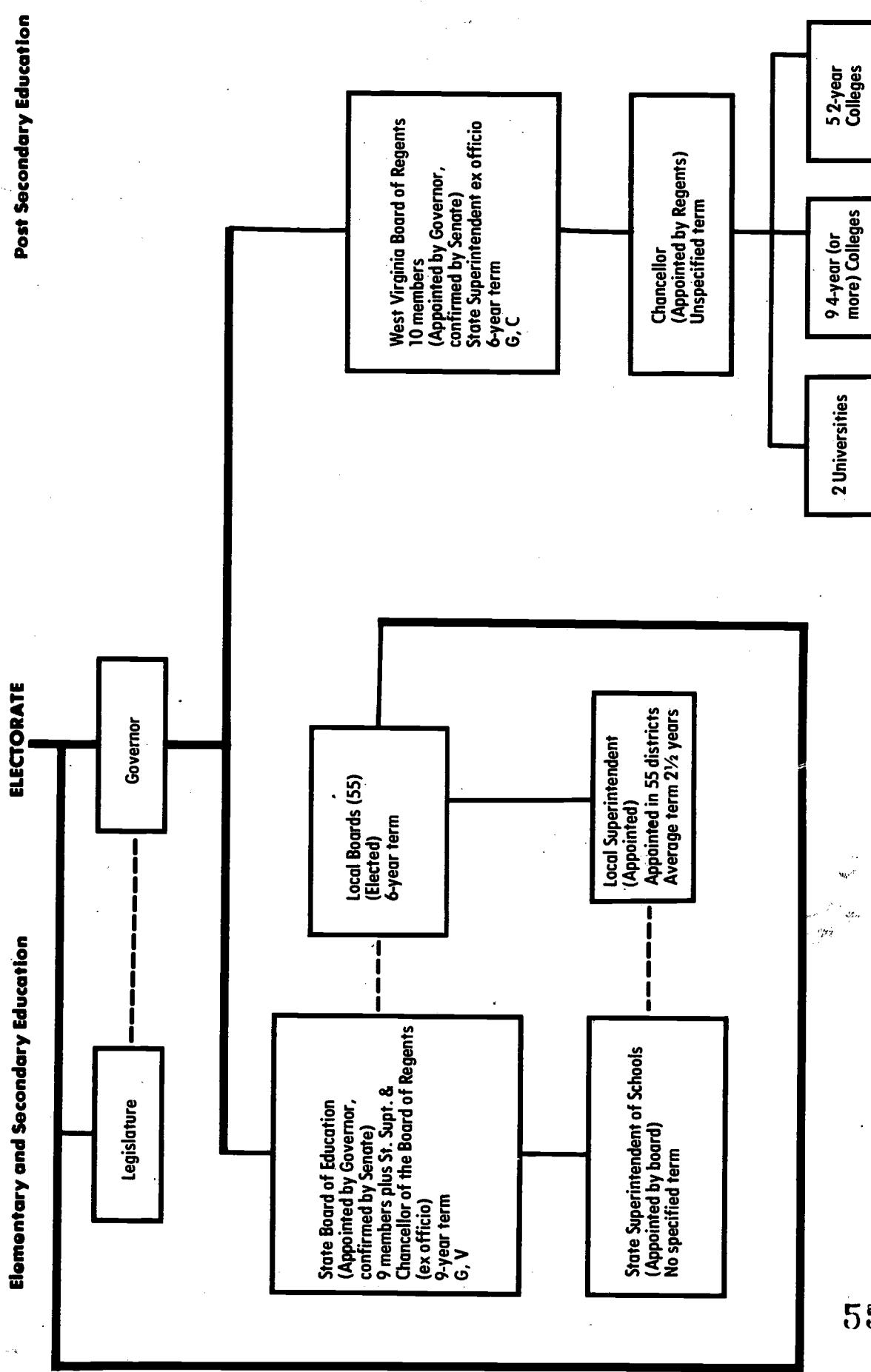


# WEST VIRGINIA

## Post Secondary Education

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## Elementary and Secondary Education

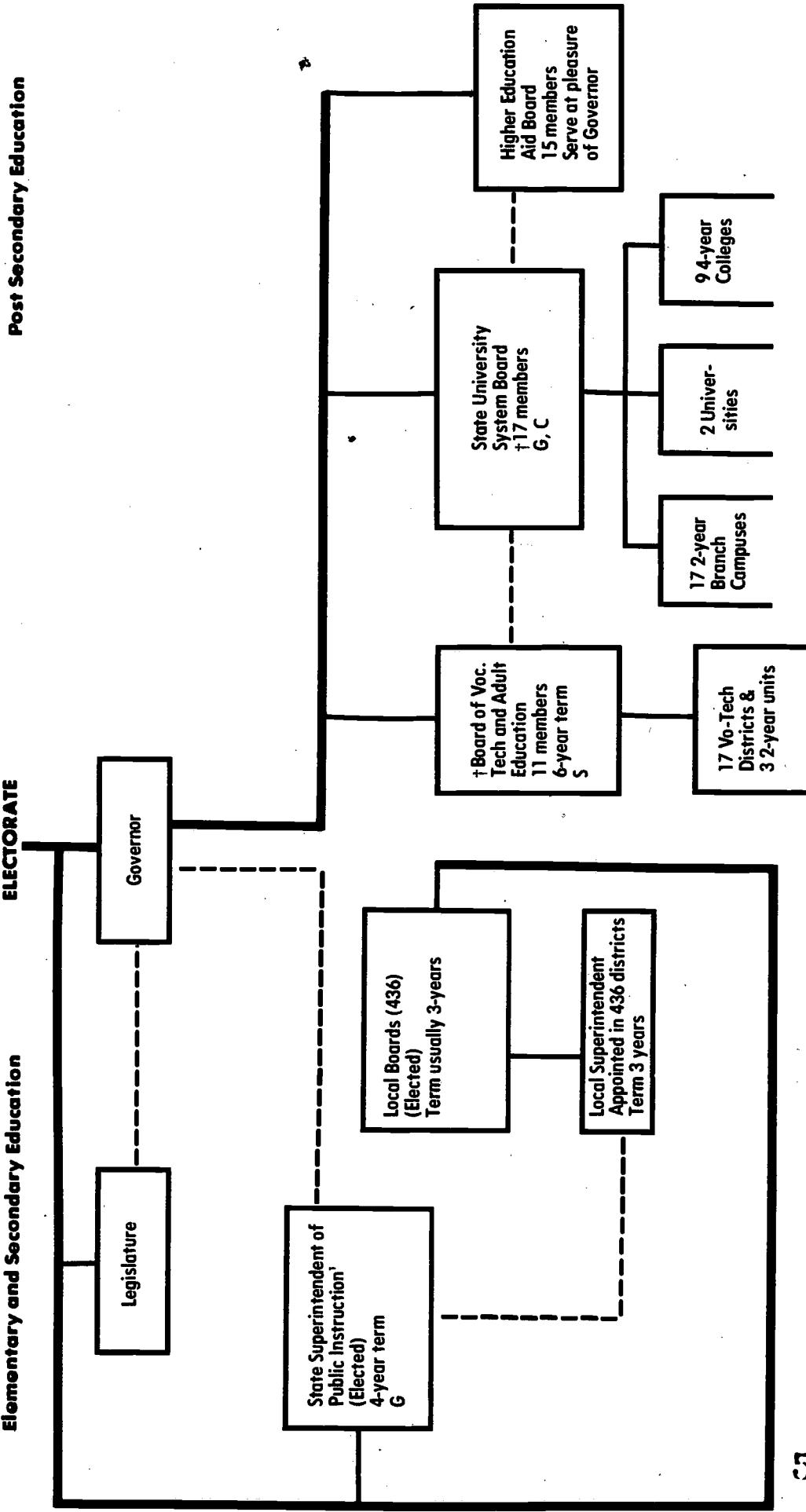


C—Coordinating board  
G—Governing board  
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

# WISCONSIN

## Elementary and Secondary Education

## ELECTORATE



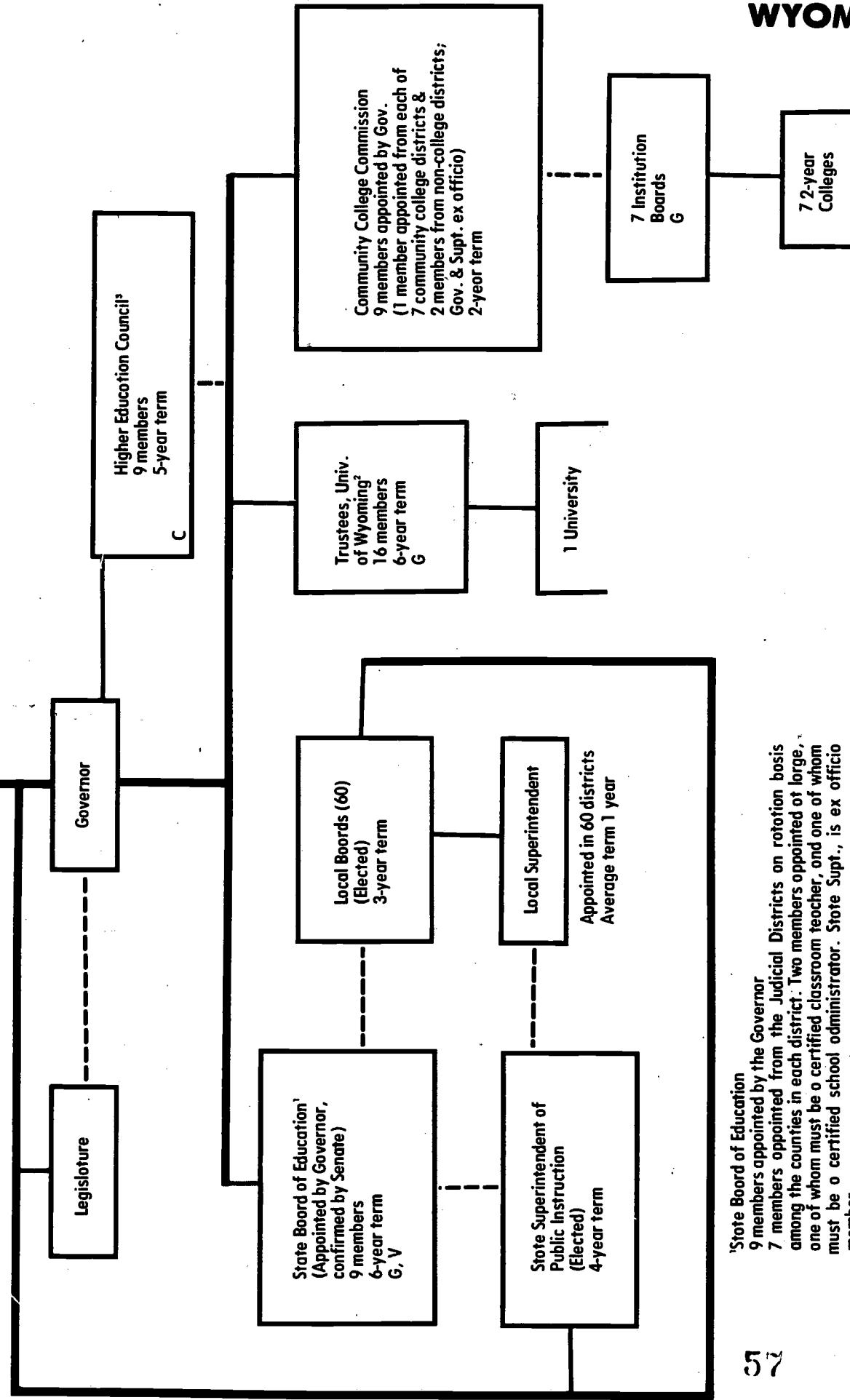
C—Coordinating board  
 G—Governing board  
 S—Supervisory board  
 \* No State Board of Education  
 \* Senate Confirms  
 † State Board members appointed by Governor

# WYOMING

## Elementary and Secondary Education

### ELECTORATE

### Post Secondary Education



<sup>1</sup>State Board of Education

9 members appointed by the Governor  
7 members appointed from the Judicial Districts on rotation basis  
among the counties in each district. Two members appointed at large,  
one of whom must be a certified classroom teacher, and one of whom  
must be a certified school administrator. State Supt., is ex officio  
member

<sup>2</sup>Governor appoints 12 members, the Gov., pres. of the univ., the  
State Superintendent, & the pres. of the Associated Students, Univ.  
of Wyoming or ex officio

C—Coordinating board

G—Governing board

V—State Board for Vocational Education